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Retired chief has flaming career memories

By JILL MARTIN
MCN Special Writer

Why do firemen wear red suspenders?
Naturally to hold their pants up!

That ageless joke was used for years by Romulus Fire Department's recently retired Battalion Chief Don Schmidt as he spoke to local elementary school children about fire safety.

Schmidt earlier last month made the tough decision after 30 years to retire from a job he held with great esteem.

When asked by this writer to stop by to answer a few career questions, his wife, Deborah, asked if she and their son, Jason, could join the verbal walk down memory lane.

What an excellent opportunity I thought to pay tribute and at the same time share in a volunteer fireman's farewell to not only his favorite pastime, but also his lifelong passion.

Schmidt is the son of a career Rochester, N.Y. volunteer fireman. He was only three years old when he was first introduced to a vol's life, with his dad spending 40 years as firefighter in the Lake Shore Fire District.

In those days despite the fact vol's received no monetary compensation for their often life-saving efforts, the local fire hall became his family's second home.

They spent many hours there jointly, with picnics in the summer, Christmas parties in the winter and weddings and baby showers in the months in between, Schmidt revealed.

The business of putting out fires became not only a way of life for the firefighters, Schmidt said, but a time of fellowship for their families also.

Schmidt, who works for Delta Airlines, was switched to Michigan in 1968. A year later he married his wife, Deb, and in 1970 they moved to Romulus.

That Nov. 21 he was hired as a city volunteer firefighter and was attached to Station Four, then located at Eureka and Brandt.

His first year, Schmidt recalls, he responded to only 26 calls and was paid \$5 for the first hour and \$4 for any additional hours.

Today the Romulus Fire Department responds to more than 2000 calls per year and they receive between \$10.40 and \$13.60 per hour depending on their level of training.

The Schmidt's have two grown children, Tracy and Jason, who work with their mom operating several group homes in the Oakland County area.

Tracy was in Europe at the time of the interview, but son Jason remembers the days when he could play basketball at the fire station, while his dad was out responding to a fire call.

He also recalls once getting a bike for Christmas and riding it inside the fire station when there was too much snow outdoors.

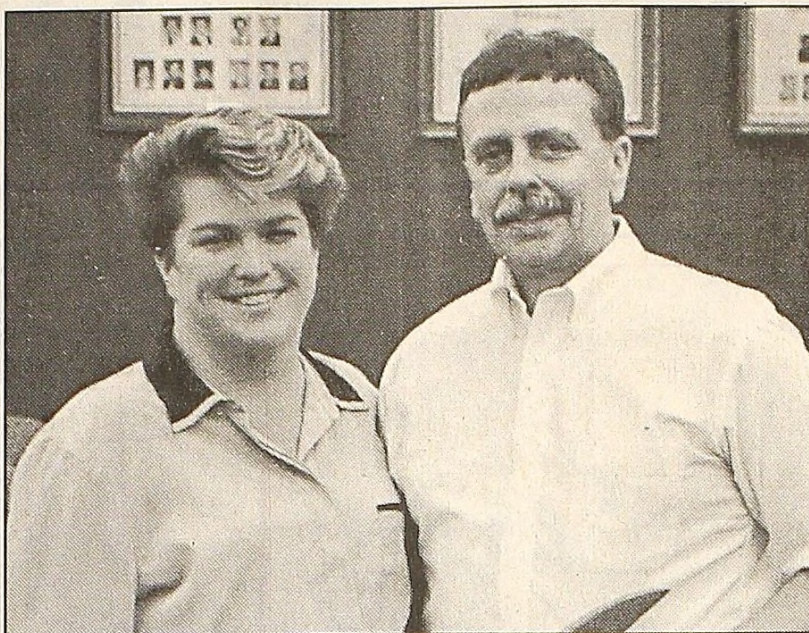
Jason also remembers being rushed to an area hospital, after getting his arm caught inside an old wringer washing machine.

With a smile on his face Jason also remembers mooning a lady out the rear window of a school bus, only to find out later that day that the woman actually was the fire chief's wife.

Tracy also remembered, her mother explained, a time when a foreign exchange student was living with them when fallen Firefighter Leonard Gierak, died in the line of duty.

It was the first time Schmidt would be called upon to serve as pallbearer in a ceremony for a fellow fireman.

Tracy remembers when she and her foreign student (who became good friends) helped her dad prepare for his duties



Retired Romulus Battalion Chief Don Schmidt and his wife, Deborah, are shown in the Romulus City Council Chambers, when he was honored several years ago. MCN Special Photo

by sitting on a table so he and his peers could get used to lifting them into the hose bed of a fire engine -- a place of honor for a fallen comrade.

Schmidt's wife also remembers emotionally the time Don came home from fighting an apartment fire -- that was caused by fireworks exploding.

"He sat along side the bed, resting his head in his hands," she related, "and exclaimed 'we lost Leonard tonight!'"

That was July 5, 1987. What a tough year that was for local firefighters -- because less than six weeks later (Aug. 16, 1987) Flight 255 crashed near Detroit Metro Airport.

Deb said her husband never turned off the fire department radio and went back to sleep during his three decades with the Romulus Fire Department.

Schmidt also has strong memories of his career days.

One of the most memorable, he said, was back in the 70's when a pipeline/propane explosion occurred on Northline, just west of Inkster Road.

Schmidt also remembers pacing at the hospital the day his son, Jason, was born. His wife remembers seeing him walking up and down prior to her delivery and remembered it was time for his monthly firefighter meeting.

Deb remembers telling him "okay! Go ahead, I know you are dying to get to your meeting."

One part of the firefighter's life will not change however with his retirement, Schmidt vows. He will continue showing up on Goodfellows newspaper sales days.

He has never missed a Goodfellows' sales day in the past 30 years and hopes to continue that legacy for many years to come.

Deb -- who sadly has lost the lower portion of one leg -- equally vows to remain in-

volved in the Goodfellows tradition also.

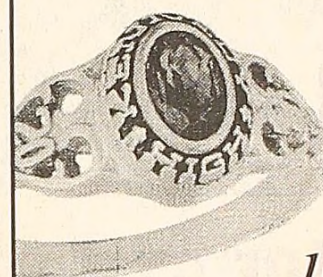
One other missing element in the Schmidt household was recorded recently with the passing of their family dog, who "kept my spot in bed warm, while I was out fighting fires in the middle of the night."

Schmidt said he remained for 30 long years, because he relished the opportunities of working with other father and son teams -- such as the Pecsenye's, the Wilhide's, the Marchel's, the Daughenbaugh's and the Ladach's.

Despite many changes about to occur in the Fire Department -- veteran firefighters said it seems a little strange not to see Schmidt on the "fire line."

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Mayor, council joins outcry against racism

A college professor, who happens to be black, shows up for work, enters his office and finds a racist comment on his desk.

Three men tie a black man to the back of a truck and drag him to his death.

A white mob lynch a youth because he happens to be black.

Acts of violence.

Acts of racism.

Acts perpetuated by the KKK or stories out of Pre-Civil War or during the Reconstruction Era? No, they are current incidents that are occur in today's America that have prompted decent, law-abiding citizens of the United States to action.

In its effort to bring local and national focus on the issues of racism and the problems that many minorities are still subjected to in the United States, the city of Wayne has joined the ranks of hundreds of cities and townships across the nation to demand an end to racism.

Mayor Robert J. Dickerson and city council members reiterated their support in the fight against racism as council unanimously adopted a proclamation selecting September

20 as National Undoing Racism Day.

The mayor urged each and every citizen to join the battle against racism on all fronts.

The council's vote to approve the proclamation was 6-0.

Councilwoman Donna McEachern was excused from Tuesday's meeting due to illness. In a telephone interview McEachern said she supported the resolution and she pointed out that the city has scheduled Cultural Diversity Training to help promote awareness and understanding of the problems.

The dates, time and place of the training sessions will be announced next week.

The council resolution reminds citizens that, by the July 2, 1964 Act of Congress, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was adopted banning discrimination because of a person's color, race, national origin, religion or sex.

The resolution concluded with Mayor Dickerson's proclaiming September 20, 2000 as "Undoing Racism Day" in the city of Wayne.

Playscape auction tickets available

Friends of Planet Playscape said this week that there are still tickets available for their auction-dance, which will be staged from 7 p.m. until midnight on Sept. 22 at the Wayne Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 per person and includes beer, wine and munchies, according to auction committee members.

The auction, co-sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, will be conducted from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., and it will be followed by dancing.

Playscape was a Wayne community project that in-

volved hundreds of hours of volunteer work and individual donations which resulted in the funding for a \$100,000 children's playground at Attwood Park.

All proceeds from the auction will be donated to the Planet Playscape Project to help fund needed maintenance, upkeep and future expansion.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center, located on Howe Road and Annapolis Road.

Further information may be obtained by dialing 734-721-7400.

Rivers to host forum

U. S. Representative Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in the city of Wayne, from 10:30 a.m. until noon on Sept. 23 at the Wayne Restaurant and Coney Island located at 3709 Metro Place Mall.

Rivers will provide an update on congressional action

and legislation, and will also be fielding questions from citizens.

For directions or further information, please call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' District Office in Ypsilanti. Johnson may be reached by dialing 734-485-3741.



Volunteers answered the call when Friends 2000: People Helping People needed people to help paint and repair homes of the elderly and the handicapped in Wayne. Pictured above are only some of the volunteers who helped paint two homes on Williams during the Sept. 9 project. Modeled after the *Paint the Town* programs in Detroit and Inkster, *People Helping People* is in its third year in the city of Wayne.

People Helping People Volunteers help paint, make home repairs

Friends 2000: People Helping People participants on Saturday rolled up their sleeves, got out their paint brushes and settled down to repair two pre-selected homes in the city of Wayne.

"We had more than 50 volunteers show up and paint and make exterior repairs to two homes on Williams Street this year," said Ed McMurray, the chairman of the People Helping People program in Wayne. "We were very fortunate in that the weather also cooperated and we managed to complete our projects without incident."

Over the past three years, McMurray has championed the "Friends 2000 - People Helping People" program in the city of Wayne. The longtime Wayne resident presented the program to mayor and council, and the lawmakers adopted it.

The program offers eligible seniors and/or the handicapped an opportunity to have their home painted and minor repairs made to it by a group of volunteers.

The program is modeled after the City of Detroit's "Paint the Town" program. Inkster has also has adopted the program and has been very successful thanks to volunteers in that

city.

People Helping People consists of volunteers donating their time to a one-day housing improvement project, like painting, minor repairs and landscaping.

Besides the volunteers who helped the day of the project, many businesses and organizations donated much-needed supplies and materials.

The Peoples Helping People project in Wayne received donations from Flanagan's Pub and Grub, Friends of John Sullivan, Northside Hardware, the Wayne Firefighters Local, Western Sewer Cleaning,

29th District Court Community Service Program, Wayne Beautification Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Leake, Bill Artman and Papa John's Pizza.

The Friends 2000 - People Helping People committee also is made up of Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services Director; Audrey Tucker, Wayne Cable, Councilwoman Donna McEachern, Kim Fallow, Parks and Recreation director; Peter McInerney, Community Development Director, and Susan Sweet-McMahan, Housing Rehabilitation Technician and an army of volunteers.



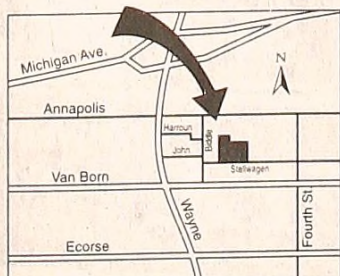
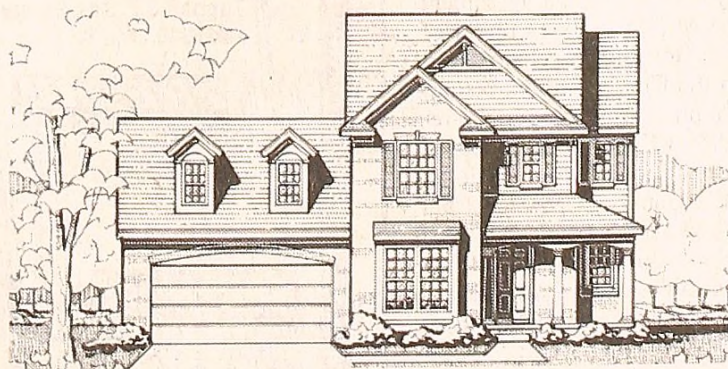
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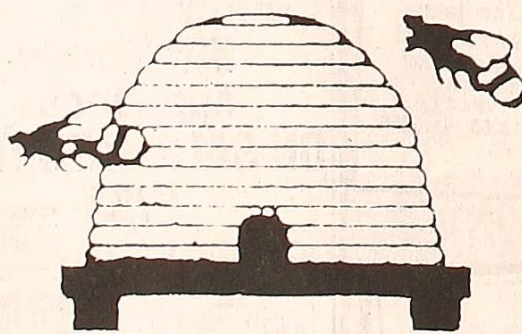


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Inkster's new fire chief

Inkster and the area's newest fire chief, Mike Moore (at right) is congratulated by Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. after Moore was sworn in. The new chief, a veteran fire fighter, fills a vacancy created by the retirement of former chief, Victor Boulanger. Boulanger retired in January of 2000, and Moore was named as an interim until a permanent fire chief could be found. Photo by Reggie Bradley

Chamber of Commerce launches membership drive

Only a year and a half after its reorganization, the Inkster Chamber of Commerce is 50 members strong.

"We're pleased that local businesses value participation in the Chamber, and we're working hard to reward our members with a variety of membership benefits," said Chamber President Mick Blunden.

To focus its resources on the Chamber's primary objectives, the Board of Directors recently decided to create four sub-committees: Membership, Communication, Benefits, and Program Development.

The Chamber's most active committee has been its Mem-

bership Committee which has been working to identify businesses most likely to benefit from Chamber participation and encourage their membership.

According to Blunden, local businesses can expect a contact from a committee member during the next several months.

The Chamber is also looking to diversify the location and timing of its monthly meetings to accommodate member schedules and bolster participation.

"We know that the strength and value of any Chamber is a product of its member's participation. We want to make sure

that Chamber participation is valuable and easy for everyone," Blunden said. "We want to visit and patronize our business members."

The Inkster Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy business environment and to improve the quality of life in the Inkster community.

Members are eligible to participate in group purchasing discounts, an annual networking mixer, and have the ability to dialogue with local officials about high-profile issues.

A "Meet the Candidates" forum is also slated for October.

City clerk is in need of election inspectors

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

City Clerk Kimberly Turner is in need of a few good men and women. They're needed to fill jobs for the November general election.

"Because we're faced with a Presidential Election and anticipate a more than usual voter turnout for this election, we're going to need to employ an additional 20 election inspectors at the polls," said Turner, during a telephone interview on Thursday.

The 20 candidates will be compensated for their services, added the City Clerk. They also will be invited to attend a special seminar where election officials will explain the inspector's duties and responsibilities.

The General Election,

which will decide the presidency along with a shopping list of other national, state, county, as well as a handful of state and county proposals, will be conducted Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Locally, between 65 to 75 percent of the registered voters usually participate in an election that decides the U.S. presidency.

In the August primary, less than 20 percent of the voters turned out to nominate the candidates.

Turner believes that the 65 to 75 percentage will hold true when voters go to the polls in November. "Voters usually turn out to vote in presidential elections," she noted.

In order to qualify for one of the election inspector's jobs, candidates must attend a seminar on job description and

qualifications scheduled for 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

The recreation center is located on Middlebelt Road, about a quarter of a mile north of Michigan Avenue.

Those who are selected to work on election day will be supervised by a precinct chairperson. There are 17 precincts in the city of Inkster. Prospective candidates for the one-day, paid-position must be 18 or older, United States citizens and residents of Wayne County.

"The candidate doesn't necessarily have to be an Inkster resident," Turner stressed, "but they must reside in Wayne County."

Candidates who are interested in becoming election inspectors are asked to contact Turner at 313-563-4232

Weed and Seed donates to Inkster police vest fund

Weed & Seed Director Jeanie Fields presented Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell with a check for \$1,848 at a recent meeting of the Inkster Chamber of Commerce.

The donation will be used to purchase new bullet-resistant kevlar vests for Inkster police officers, the Weed & Seed director stated.

Established in the mid-1990's by a local business-

man, the Inkster Police Officer Vest Fund helps officers defray the \$500 to \$700 cost of the kevlar vests which they must purchase as part of their uniform. The average useful life of a bulletproof vest is five years.

"Funds to purchase new vests have been depleted," said Fields. "Weed and Seed is hoping that its donation will spur other individuals and

businesses to make similar donations to this worthwhile cause.

"Even though crime within the city is at a 10-year low, we don't want our officers to work without a vest simply because they can't afford to buy one."

Individuals interested in donating to the vest fund should contact the Inkster Police Department at 313-563-9873.

Library to offer books on mystery, romance

Everyone loves a good mystery story.

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The sales will be conducted

from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 at the library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

Library officials say that there will be over 25,000 books, from collectible treasures to current releases,

The books will sell for 25 cents and 50 cents.

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 21, 2000. Present: Councilpersons E. Hendricks, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: Councilwomen Harris-Foster and Bostedor.

CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes of 7/31/00 (Special); 8/7/00 (Regular) and \$77,541.59 for Pension Payroll. RE-APPOINTED Graziana Gooden to serve on the LMFBE Committee. APPROVED the following payments: \$72,370.68 to Wade Trim; \$14,975.13 to McNamee, Porter & Seeley, Inc.; \$3,359.01 to Winder Police Equipment. CITY CLERK announced need for Election Inspectors. AUTHORIZED solicitation of quotes for painting racquetball court walls at Recreation Complex; solicitation of sealed bids for valve turning machine; application requesting funding from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Clean Michigan Initiative Local Recreation Bond for the Parks & Recreation Commission; the Administration to enter into agreement between Inkster Housing Commission and City of Inkster for Supplemental Police Services; the Mayor to sign grant agreement between Inkster Weed & Seed and the Michigan Department of Community Health; request from Inkster Housing Development & Human Services, Inc., for support from the City of Inkster, resolution to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission opposing the re-opening of 3909 Middlebelt Road. APPROVED amendment of the current zoning code to restrict service stations/filling stations; increase in the annual salary for the MIS Manager's position from \$35,000 to \$48,000; request from Dorothy Watkins to have Block Party on Penn Street; request from Lionel Booker to have Block Party on Rosewood. APPROVED the following Offers to Purchase City-owned properties (vacant lots): \$5,000.00 from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church; \$820.00 from Jeff Slobodnik; \$160.00 from Delrene McCain; \$1,074.00 from Debra J. Rollins and Broderick F. Snowden. DENIED Offers to Purchase City-owned property from Suzette M. Yurkovich; Howard and Alecia Mabry; William E. Clark; Rennie Sims. MEETING adjourned at 10:02 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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WCCC offers clergy tips on surfing net

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Area members of the clergy have been given three days of computer training by Dr. Curtis I. Ivery, chancellor of Wayne County Community College.

Ivery had earlier issued a challenge to local clergy to take a "proactive role in helping to close the digital divide."

Ivery had stressed the importance of technology and urged ministers to address the variables affecting the "digital divide" such as racial, education and economic factors.

During the training classes, the pastors were able to learn their way around the computer and the Internet in a friendly

environment.

At the end of the sessions, the attendees were able to save documents to discs, creating folders and surfing the internet.

Verna Brown, WCCC business and computer information systems instructor, said

she was proud of her religious students, who "weren't afraid to ask questions."

Brown added the program was of mutual benefit -- since she learned a great deal about her students also.

Methodist bishop to be installed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Rev. Dr. Linda Lee -- successor to retired Michigan United Methodist Bishop Donald Ott -- will be officially installed at 3 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Central United Methodist Church in Lansing.

Lee will oversee 904 Methodist churches and 1,330 clergy in the Metro Detroit and Western Michigan annual conferences.

A local service will be conducted the afternoon of Oct. 16 at the Wayne First United Methodist Church.

A dinner will follow at 6 p.m. for both local clergy and

laity from area churches.

Earlier in her career Lee served two churches in the Detroit area.

She officially took over the bishop's office in Michigan on Sept. 1.

The local Methodist Church is located 3739 Newberry St. in Wayne, across from the Wayne Post Office.

Church briefs

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two area Crop Walks seeking to raise funds for the hungry both in Western Wayne County and around the world will be held in coming weeks.

The first is slated on Sept. 24 in the Canton-Plymouth area and the local 25 percent of the funds raised will be donated to the Salvation Army Corps in Plymouth.

The remaining 75 percent will be spread across the U.S. and around the world, anywhere where people are starving.

The St. John Neumann parish of Canton hopes to be able to have 100 or more youth take part in the walk.

Numerous other Christian churches also plan to be involved.

The walk will begin at Heritage Park in Canton and then travel three miles into local neighborhoods. For the hearty another three miles can be added to their walks.

Later on Oct. 1 approximately a dozen or more churches will conduct a similar Crop Walk beginning at the Community United Methodist Church in Romulus and concluding later at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville.

Hundreds of walkers are expected to take part and 25 percent of the money will be divided amongst three or more hunger programs in both cities.

Once again SS. Simon and Jude Church of Westland is offering its semi-annual railroadiana (buy and swap) toys and model railroad trains program.

Admission to the train-lovers event is \$2 per person or \$4 for a family.

The sale will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 1 at the church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland.



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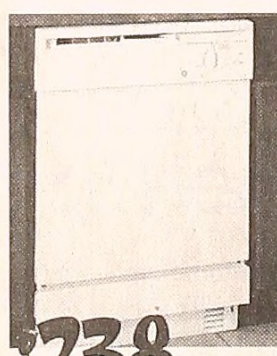
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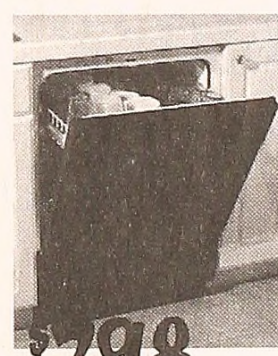
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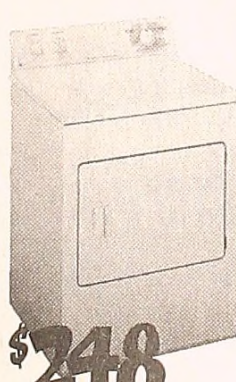
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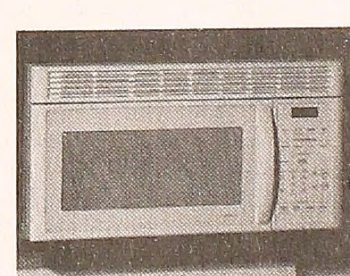
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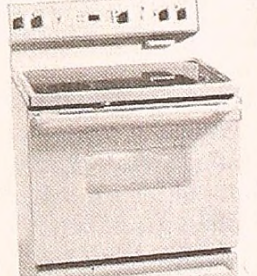
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Assignment Eadeh - bring peace to Westland council

Joe Eadeh, I don't envy you. You must have an overwhelming sense of adventure or lived in the Big Brother house far too long to have taken on the thankless position of Westland council person. Don't you know life as you once knew it will now be under two microscopes as both sides - the Griffin and Cox team and the recall activists will expect you to vote with them?

The roller coaster ride for Westland council people has been bumpy. Along the way Sharon Scott chose to vacate her seat rather than be subject to a recall. Now three others, Trav Griffin, David Cox and David James await a date in which their names will be placed on a recall ballot.

Eadeh comes aboard after seven candidates before him had been rejected by the majority of the council. Eadeh, a former planning commissioner for Westland and the owner of his own construction company, is thought to be an independent thinker, and one who has the support of both sides of the council table. Griffin and Cox, as well as recall workers, as you read this, feel Eadeh will make a good councilperson.

That's a good start. Many of us expected this council meeting to end in chaos as Griffin and Cox shoved through their candidate of choice. To their credit, however, this did not happen and the meeting was as orderly as a Westland council meeting has been in the year 2000.

Don't expect this temporary peace to become permanent, however. With the impending recall and threats by Griffin to sue all who dare cross him, the Council will continue to be embroiled in turmoil. Eadeh has a slim window of opportunity to establish a sensible presence and bring orderliness to the chaos. Many of us hope he

takes advantage of the opportunity.

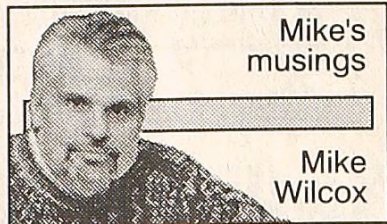
Cries of racial profiling forced Westland to appoint a committee to investigate the charges and offer suggestions to see that police officers and others were more sensitive to minorities. Although the committee was desperately needed, the good idea has gone awry.

First off, every committee appointee is associated with the City in some manner. Several make their living with that association. Others are cozy to the current administration or council president. Because of these associations, none have the ability to offer suggestions independently.

Some critics say this Westland committee would be like the City of Los Angeles appointing council people, administrators and campaign workers to a committee to investigate Darryl Gates and his police department. It just isn't right. You should appoint concerned citizens that are independent from relationships with City Hall.

Secondly, we are told the committee has had three meetings and very little has been accomplished. At one of the meetings not enough members were present so a quorum was not available.

Fortunately, Police Chief Emery Price has taken the charges to heart. He is actively engaging his officers in racial profiling sensitivity classes. He recognizes the issue is real and is willing to see that something is done about it. Hopefully the committee will follow his lead and institute racial profiling policies that make Westland a credit to its racially diverse population.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



"HEY! LOOK HOW INKSTER MAYOR HAMPTON WANTS TO DIVIDE THE M.S.E.T. FUND!"

Rest in peace, Ray Blow

"Your attempt at satire could not have come at a worse time. For you to make light of the Ray Blow episode is untimely and acerbates an already volatile situation. To even hint that Cox is not involved in that trash only fuels his sick mind. A full retraction and explanation of your motives is in order: Stick to journalism."

- Sound Off caller

A pauper's funeral was the best Westland could manage for its most notorious political flier writer.

Ray Blow, 39 - the author of two postcards smearing Glenn Anderson in the waning moments of the Aug. 8 Democratic primary for 18th District House rep - was cremated Saturday at the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority Incinerator and sold as low grade electricity to Detroit Edison.

"It was the least we could do," said an Authority spokeswoman, tidying up a messy situation.

On Friday, garbage handlers spotted Blow's body buried in refuse on a loading dock at the incinerator.

"The one day we're open and somebody dumps a stiff on us," said the spokeswoman.

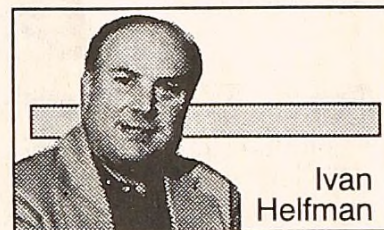
The Authority attempted to pawn the body off on Westland, but Mayor Bob Thomas quickly put the kibosh on that.

"Those swindlers ripped off our share of Constellation's \$1 million signing bonus," said the Mayor. "The Authority zaps this bozo, we get a payback on our \$100 million 35-year investment. Worth a nickel, but better than nothing."

Then in a rare moment of inspiration, Thomas decided to report Blow's death to Police Chief Emery Price, hoping to implicate the Authority in a homicide, enabling the city to break its contract.

"Be right over, Sherlock," Price said to the mayor.

While all bets were off on whether Price and Thomas could solve the mystery of Blow's death, the case cleared up one mystery: the mystery of what the absentee mayor has been doing all year.



Ivan Helfman

"He's my best sleuth," said the chief, who revealed that Thomas has been teaming up with Price to solve Westland's most heinous crimes.

"You know the old saying, you can't BS a BS-er," said Price. "Well, nobody can BS the mayor."

While Price attended Blow's autopsy, Thomas questioned Blow's enemies, beginning with Westland Councilman David Cox, the most recent target of Blow's barbs.

"The recall bimbos give Cox all the credit for my work," Blow recently complained after his postcards were falsely attributed by recall workers to Cox.

Had Blow feuded with the impulsive Cox, the only councilman reckless enough to call constituents "trailer trash?"

"Who?" asked Cox, who denied ever hearing of Roy Blew.

Next Thomas questioned former Westland City Clerk Diane Fritz, whom critics suspected of squirreling away a \$3,000 laptop computer that had disappeared from the clerk's office about the time she left. The computer had been found next to the TV in the Norwayne hovel, owned by a city official, where Blow squatted.

"Did you rub Blow out like a pack of absentee ballots cast against me because his theft cast suspicion on you?" Thomas asked Fritz.

But Fritz had an alibi. When Blow bought the farm, Fritz was whooping it up with Council President Trav Griffin at a Northern Michigan casino while a slot machine rained quarters on them.

"Where else do you go when you want to avoid a city council

meeting?" explained Griffin.

While Thomas was investigating local suspects, Price pondered the autopsy and called the Big House in Jackson to see if Blow, a parolee, had made any mortal enemies when he served a stint for forgery.

Negative. Blow's only connection to Westland at Jackson was his membership in the Aryan Venders, a group of vendors, contractors, and developers convicted for graft, who more at home in their prison pinks than in the \$1,000 suits they wore to council meetings.

But it was the autopsy that intrigued Price. While there were no signs of foul play, Blow's gray matter appeared molten.

"Possibly he suffered a severe shock," said the medical student who pinch hit for the Wayne County's medical examiner at the autopsy.

At the mention of Blow's molten brain, Price thought of the TV next to the stolen clerk's office laptop and near the pile of yellow postcards Blow was preparing for the recall election. The postcards showed a pack of howling bimbos nailing Cox to a crucifix.

But what set the chief's bells clanging was the repeating DVD player connected to TV and playing the 6.5-hour September council meeting played over and over.

"The heated meeting cooked Blow's cortex," said Price, who considered Blow lucky not to survive the mind-blowing meeting.

With the crime solved, Thomas permitted the cremation, which was only attended by Cox. Despite the councilman's denials, Blow named Cox as his executor.

According to The Last Will and Testament of Ray Blow, "the executor is enjoined to apportion my remains among Westland's registered voters and to mail them each a smidgen in a yellow envelope the week before the recall election."

Forecast was really no laughter!

Most residents don't take heavy stock in TV weather reports these days...despite the millions of dollars being pumped into forecasting hardware and software.

This writer fell victim to that skepticism on Monday night, while watching the news at 5 p.m.

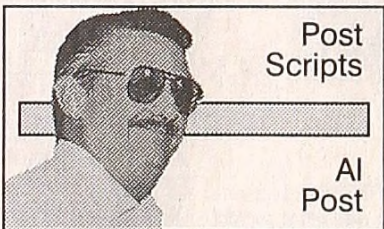
Weather reports were warning of heavy flooding in the Taylor and Romulus area between 7 and 9 p.m.

Never having seen flooding first hand like they were predicting, I scoffed at the reports.

I continued eating dinner in preparation for traveling to Romulus that night for a City Council meeting.

My wife continued telling me that it was "pouring out" for the next hour, but it didn't phase me since once again I had never seen flooding conditions as forecast.

An hour later, I dressed for my



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Al Post

night assignment, grabbed an umbrella and headed to the front door.

Stepping out on the porch, it finally hit me as I gasped "where did the street go?"

Minutes later I spotted a neighbor's garbage floating down the new waterway. I suddenly felt an Italian twitch and thought some how I had been instantly transferred to Venice and I awaited my first view of a gondola.

An hour later I spotted two young neighbors swimming in the street-wide pool and even later

saw three adventuresome men gliding by in a canoe.

I smiled at the passing canoe...but cautiously began scanning the neighborhood for any modern-day Noahs building arks. I was relieved to see none.

The flooding event brought back memories of over 50 years ago, when I scoffed at New York Giant outfielder Bobby Thompson strolling to the plate to face tough Dodger reliever Ralph Branca.

As a youth I remember mocking Thompson until he struck "the shot heard around the world" instantly ending my dreams of a Dodger run in the World Series that year.

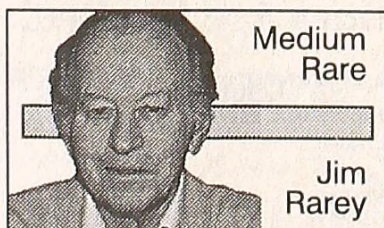
It was more than 50 years between such unseemly gestures...but a much more gentle reminder followed "It's not nice to jest with Mother Nature!"

School voucher ballot language misleads

One thing we should have learned by now from the Lottery and Proposal A (school funding) issues is that wording of ballot proposals does not tell the whole story. The actual amendment to the State Constitution will be the language that was adopted by the state legislature.

The language on the ballot is limited, by law, to 100 words or less. The actual amendment runs nearly 500 (494) words. As is said, the devil is in the details.

Ballot Proposal 1, sponsored by Kids First! Yes!, promises "guaranteed school funding, teacher



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

testing and school choice."

The devil in the detail is the phrase, "as provided by law." Law, in this case, being whatever the legislature and governor agree to implement. What would actually be guaranteed is the following (subject to minimums frozen in the constitution).

The combined total of state and local taxes collected (ostensibly for schools) would continue to grow particularly as local property increases in value and new development comes on board. (Public school districts would lose their "guaranteed" per pupil grants if they lower the operating millage rate below that levied in the year 2000.)

Private and religious schools that accept vouchers would subject themselves to mandatory teacher testing by the state and any other requirements the legislature and governor put into effect

in the future. They would get no more than half the state per pupil grant received by public schools.

In other words, it's a win/win situation for state government. Not only would the state spend less in per pupil grants as a result of students leaving public schools (which includes charter schools) to attend private and religious schools, but the "savings" could be spent on other pet projects used to buy constituents' votes.

Additionally, the state would gain control over any private or religious school foolish enough to accept the vouchers.



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Letters from our Readers

September 14, 2000

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

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Writer says Canton Human Relations Commission is a stall tactic

To the Editor:
The Charter Township of Canton's executive recommendation regarding the celebration of Martin Luther King Day (to not celebrate the holiday, but instead to create a Human Relations Commission) is a stall tactic to make the issue disappear.

At the public hearing held on Tuesday, August 29, 2000, every reason expressed to not celebrate the holiday was only to skirt the real issue: the unwillingness of Township officials to be publicly identified with a perceived "black holiday."

Canton is a diverse community and its population represents the true vision of Dr. King better than most, a place where people of all races can walk together as equals.

The attempt to explain not celebrating this holiday to be "inclusive" is a gross distortion of truth, and makes a mockery King's vision.

The attempt by Trustee McLaughlin to link the very real problems of Detroit with the celebration of Martin Luther King Day (by African Americans) is simply one more illustration of the reason for the racial divide between city and suburb.

I brought my sixteen year old stepson with me in an attempt to teach him a civics lesson; that government actually is color blind and that officials are honorable and truthful. I am afraid he learned a very different lesson.

I can only pray that the elected officials of Canton can reach deep into their hearts, past their fears, and find the courage to be an example for our children and grandchildren. I hope Canton will someday be known as a community that truly celebrates diversity.

Sincerely,
Duke Morrow
Canton, MI

Bush's plan best

To The Editor:

Who will decide: bureaucrats or consumers? Al Gore rages against HMO bureaucrats while back in 1993 he would have imposed government bureaucrats over all of our health plans. His solution is to let the doctors decide.

George W. Bush would make healthcare and prescription drugs insurance tax deductible. This will increase demand, but most insurance companies would complete to offer the best coverage at the lowest price. Consumers could design the coverage that meets their wants and needs.

Respectfully,
Michael Francis McCathy,
MPA

Reader teaches Ray Blow meaning of word 'bimbo'

To the editor:
I loved the article written by "Mr. Blow." I doubt very much that the fact it was very hot outside the day the article appeared is just a coincidence. People like "Mr. Blow" are probably responsible for global warming due to the hot air unleashed in our atmosphere.

There is no doubt that your article was good for the newspaper. I am sure it will draw a lot of attention and increase circulation. This is yet another example of the manipulation going on to keep the "fire" hot at council meetings. You want to make people angry so they react in an effort to try and portray the recall supporters as angry zealots. I suspect that you are sitting in a room somewhere with your friends trying to determine who gets to use the communal brain today.

I have a bit of advice for "Mr. Blow" and his friends: "It is far better to keep one's mouth shut and be believed the fool, than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt." "Mr. Blow," please keep talking. It illustrates the mentality or lack thereof, of the literature you send out and the so called "committee" you declare to be part of. I will credit you for knowing how to spell "bimbo," even if you don't know what it means. It was also a nice example of exactly how certain targets of the recall feel about the taxpayers that pay their salaries, but that

is just my opinion based on my observations.

And your article would have been funny had you not come off as written by someone in dire need of medication or some sort of therapy. I really thing you should change your name to Sybil, pick a personality, and stick to it. It may make it easier for one who has

her sanity to follow exactly what you are trying to say. I can almost picture you practicing in front of a mirror, but I won't comment on whose reflection I see. But that's what you are, a reflection, what a poor image.

And this is what happens when we leave the inmates in charge of the asylum!

Susan M. Barton

Grass Roots thanks "hoppy" helpers

To the Editor:
The results of the social event of the season at Grass Roots Nursery.

The owners and staff of Grass Roots Nursery wish to thank the children who participated in our 5th Annual Frog Jumping Contest that took place on Sunday, August 27th. The enthusiasm of contestants

and spectators was second only to that of a U of M vs. Ohio State football game!

The winner of this year's contest was Jessica Rosenthal from Belleville. Jessica was handed a crisp, new \$100.00 bill by c-owner Rosemary Bates for her victory.

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Sanders should have to pick up trash on Michigan Avenue too

To the Editor:

I have a reply to your story about the Adams principal.

I'm sick of these so called people in high office getting away with crap all the time. And this Sgt. James Wexter says he'll be surprised if Sanders gets any jail time because of the public humiliation and disgrace!! And then she retires? What about our tax money?

A person steals anything and I'm sure they are humiliated and disgraced to their family, yet do they get let off? No! they're not, and Sanders should be treated the same way as anyone else who steals and stealing from kids that sold things, thinking the money was going to their school for things to help them learn is worse than a purse snatching to me.

Just because they're a principal, police, a welfare worker, a senator makes no difference. If she wants to quit, good, but to retire on school taxes we pay, no way!

And if she receives no jail time, then besides paying all the money back, she should receive a couple of years probation and fines. She can walk



Celestine Sanders

I say, throw the book at her - one of the books she was so honored with when she took the job of principal.

along Michigan Ave. picking up trash and not be allowed an easier job in any public building.

You want to teach our kids it's okay to steal? If you get caught, just say, "I'm sorry and I'll pay it back," and everything will be okay. B.S. to your paper, Westland police and to whoever else believes that. I say, throw the book at her - one of the books she was so honored with when she took the job as principal.

I don't care if they're black or white or green. They should be checking all the school fund raisers. Thanks A Concerned Parent

P.S. If my boy steals; he'll pay with the law and by me busting his ass good!

Blow me down! Third Ray Blow surfaces

To the Editor:
I am the gentleman who mailed the postcard in early August.

I want to clarify a few things so there isn't any misunderstanding. First of all, I acted solely on my own by writing, paying for and mailing the postcard.

Secondly, both local newspapers misread the signature on the postcard (the Gracins are apparently handwriting experts now... they say the signature on the postcard is Tawny Carpenter's).

For the record, I've never met this individual. Furthermore, as to Ms. Millisor's challenge to Christine Millisor, Mario and Brenda Gracin and Richard Leblanc. I would be willing to take a lie detector test and state that I am the individual who wrote, paid for and mailed the postcard without being prompted from anyone else.

I will also state that Mr. Leblanc's statement that the postcard makes "fact out of lies" is

false. The challenge to Mr. Leblanc is that he states, on the same lie detector, that he had no involvement with the Gracins and or anyone else in regard to the protest of the release of Patricia Gibbons.

As for the challenge to Gracins and Millisor, I would ask them to answer, on the same lie detector, two questions: 1) What made you decide to get involved in a protest in the Gibbons's release? 2) Did you ever threaten any individual who did not agree with you at a

Westland City Council meeting?

The way I see it, there is no downside risk for these people (providing they have been telling the truth) and a lot of risk to me (since Mr. Leblanc said he would file another lawsuit, this time against me, the author of the postcard).

A.K.A. Ray Blow
P.S. If the only hang-up is the cost involved in taking the lie detector test, I will cover all costs. Let the truth be known...

Thought of oil prices under Bush scares reader

Letter to the editor:
Decades ago, my kids and others presented a riddle which is now appropriate with a slight change in words.

The riddle was "Where does an elephant sit everytime he comes into a room? The answer was "anywhere he wants to."

Today we can say "What does a

big corporate republican congressional donor get everytime he come into the room?" Answer is "anything he wants."

If the Bush-Cheney ticket get elected what would he get? "More of the same plus big cuts in taxes for the rich because the G.O.P. has great Conservative Compassion for the rich rather than concern for the rest of us in terms of help-

ing the poor, getting healthcare, affordable housing, avoiding cuts in social services etc."

It is time for voters to elect Gore and Leiberman as well as congress, senators and state legislators who are Democrats and/or third party members so that the G.O.P. elephant can go to the political zoo instead of squatting on

our healthcare, social services and affordable housing while giving lots of room for tax cuts for the rich.

With Big Oil investors like Bush and Cheney, think of the high has prices we can get if they win instead of decent healthcare with Gore and Leiberman. The thought scares me!

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Seniors on the go

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Ex-Romulus resident to autograph book...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Former Romulus resident, Joyce Miank Lierley, will be visiting the Romulus Pumpkin Festival this Saturday to autograph her new book *Affectionately Yours*.

Lierley will be on hand at the library's festival site on Goddard Road from noon to 4 p.m. this Saturday, stated Romulus Librarian Diane Hazen.

According to publisher's information, Lierley's book entails her family history based on letters passed on to her by her mother, Ruth Rutter Miank.

The author finished reading the family letters back in 1984 and she was struck with the idea of writing a book that incorporated parts of her mother's life as well as the letters.

The letters reveal that Lierley's grandfather emigrated from England in the 1850's and includes such subjects as the Civil War and the great Chicago fire.

Lierley contacted author Nellie Yost early on and asked her if she thought her idea would work with publishers. Yost encouraged her.

Lierley then found an editor, Carol Miles Peterson, and a publisher, Making History,



Joyce Lierley

The background for the cover of the book is a family quilt, created by her grandmother.

and the work began on the recently published book.

Her husband, Archie, is equally proud of his wife's work. "Your dad would think it is great," Archie states, "he'd pop his buttons if he could see it."

The background for the cover of the book is a family quilt, created by her grandmother.

The book is currently on sale for \$22.50 a copy.

Mature motorist retraining slated

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The mature driver retraining workshop will return for area senior citizens from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 17 in the basement Room 3 at the Canton Administration Building.

Driving evaluations will take place on Oct. 18.

The workshops are designed to help mature drivers (age 55 and over) to self-evaluate their driving skills.

The instructors will keep no records or scores and results will have no bearing on your driver's licenses, organizers explain.

Drivers will gain valuable insight through the following evaluations: brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, visual acuity, field of view and glare recovery for night driving.

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lunches will be provided. Canton residents will be admitted free, while out-of-towners will be charged \$20 (payable that day).

Reservations are needed and can be made by calling 734-397-5444.

Patty Dunn is the newest face to the Senior Program Desk in Canton.

Dunn formerly worked for two years at the local "Kid's Corner."

The first annual Senior Golf Outing for Gentlemen and Gentladies is slated for Sept. 26 at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Tickets cost \$30 per person and cost includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes.

For more information call the front desk at The Summit at 397-5444.

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- For information or to make an appointment to register for classes, please call 941-0610 and ask for Community High.

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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

POSTMASTER TO SPEAK Chuck Quinn, postmaster for the Wayne, Westland and Canton Township post offices, will speak before the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at noon Sept. 21 at the Lounge in the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. Cost is \$10. Call in reservation at 721-0100 by Sept. 15.

BELLEVILLE HOME TOUR is slated for noon Sept. 17 under the sponsorship of the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society. Tickets cost \$10 for a tour of five homes, a school, church and museum. A salad buffet luncheon will be included for \$6.50 at the Belleville United Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Road. Tickets can be purchased at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., Antiques on Main, 430 Main St. and Flowers by Katherine Rose, 500 E. Huron River Dr.

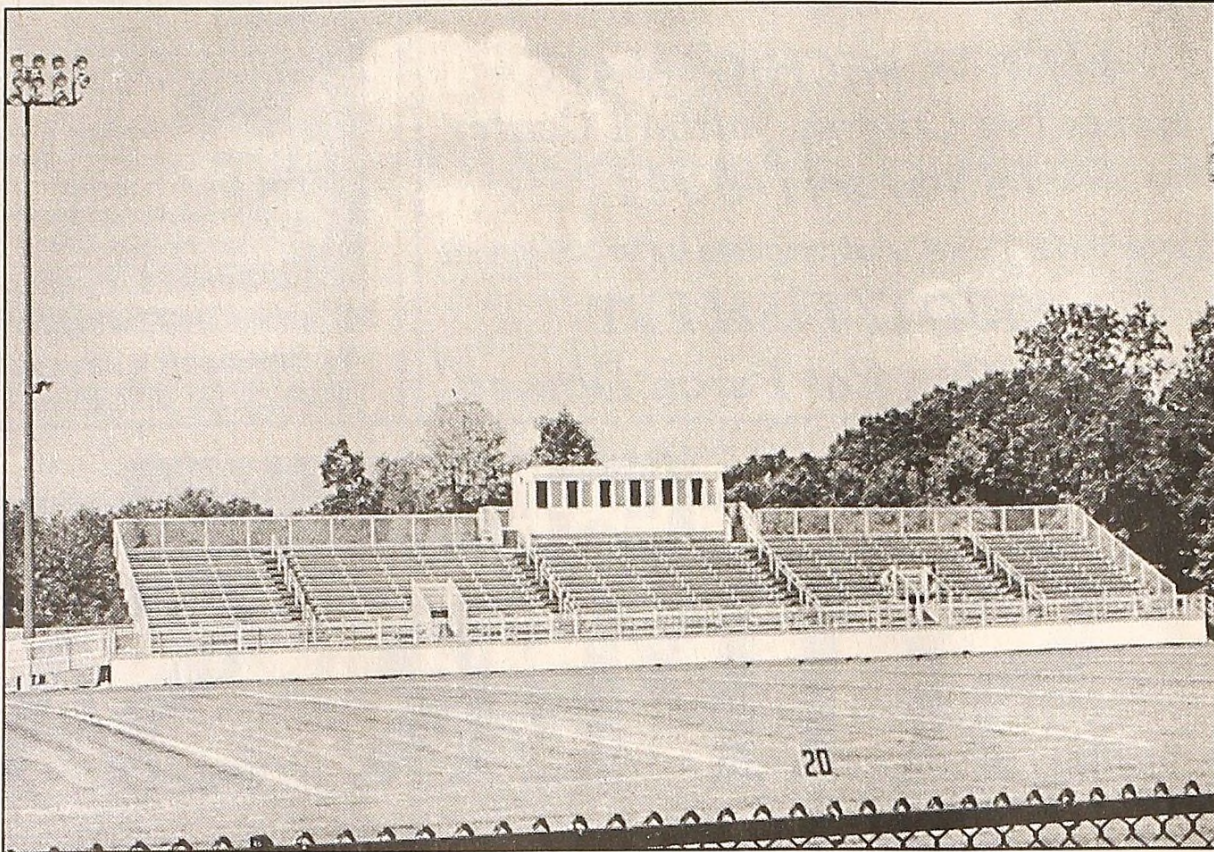
CRAFTERS NEEDED The Westland area VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary, 1055 S. Wayne Road, is seeking additional crafters for its 20th annual Craft Bazaar slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Profits from the sale are donated to cancer aid and research efforts. Christmas sale items and bakery items will be offered. For more information call Pam at 734-721-6304.

CANTON/PLYMOUTH CROP WALK is slated for Sept. 24 starting at the Heritage Park in Canton and then will proceed for three miles throughout local neighborhoods. An additional three miles also is offered as an option. Twenty five percent of the funds for the hungry will remain in the Canton/Plymouth area, with the remaining 75 percent being used throughout the U.S. and around the world. Check local churches for more information.

MAYOR'S CHAIR TV SHOW TONIGHT will feature Rosalie Berlino and Lt. James Rafalski to answer questions on this weekend's Pumpkin Festival in Romulus. Department of Public Works Director David Paul will update residents on the city's new DPW building and Dawn Bokon will talk about Friday night's Parade of Lights. Questions may be called in after 6 p.m. by dialing 734-942-7571. Those attending the show in the Romulus City Council Chambers should arrive by 6:15 p.m.

OKTOBERFEST 2000 Doors of the German food, music and beer festival will open at 5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Van Buren Eagles Hall at 9961 Beck Road in Van Buren. A dinner buffet will begin at 6 p.m. and music offered by an authentic German band Die Rhinelanders will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets costing \$10 and there will be a cash bar. Tickets also can be obtained at the Garden Fantasy, 10501 Haggerty Road in Van Buren. For more information call 734-699-8836.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR 'EYEWITNESS' THIS WEEKEND



Above is the newly created hometeam bleacher section for Romulus Eagles sports competitions, which first was used on Sept. 1 in a game against Taylor Kennedy. MCN special photo

New Romulus schools' sports bleachers done

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Eagle football fans flocked to the new sports bleachers and press box at the Romulus Middle School Athletic Complex for the first time Sept. 1.

They weren't disappointed with the new facilities or the Eagles varsity team, who swamped Taylor Kennedy by grabbing a 54-0 lead by half time.

Meanwhile the track facilities are slated to be striped this week

and the casework, overhead doors lockers will be installed in the Concession Building by Sept. 22.

The concession building is already near completion, the district report states, and is expected to be ready for the Homecoming game on Oct. 6 when Mega Blue rival Trenton stops by.

New Superintendent Joel Carr — who will be the Grand Marshall of the Homecoming Parade — urges area residents to attend the game that day and enjoy the new facilities also.

It also was reported that much of the groundwork at the site for the new elementary school on Beverly Road has been completed.

It also was announced that three new computer labs were created this summer at the Middle School and newly installed cabling infrastructure has solved some chronic network problems the district has experienced at Halecreek and Wick Elementary Schools in the past.

Westside Singles marks 18th year tomorrow night

The Westside Singles group will be marking its 18th year tomorrow night at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft Service drive, one block west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Dance sessions were started by Ed Westside, a Canton resident, when he became bored with Friday night TV programs.

His reasoning Westside was to "get people out for an inexpensive and fun evening, where they could meet other people."

Nearby persons from the Plymouth-Canton area have been joined over the years by residents of Brighton, Ann Arbor, Monroe and Bloomfield.

Westside said this club is differ-

ent from other singles groups as it does not have a member or non-membership fee.

But the group does offer a large dance floor, good parking and plenty of entertainment.

By adding a dress code the club has attracted a special crowd, Westside said.

The dances usually attract those between the ages of 25 to 55, he said.

He met his wife, Annita, 15 years ago. They have since married and she helps him with the dance group responsibilities.

For more information on the Westside Singles dances call the hotline at 734-981-0909.

Local Births

Katelyn Christian Komarynski, daughter of Shawn Komarynski and Crystal Miles, formerly of Westland and now of Whitmore Lake, was born Aug. 12, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 10 pounds and measured 21 inches at birth.

She joins her siblings: Robert, 11; Stephanie, 8 and James, 2.

Her grandparents include Jamiles and Barb Millard of Westland and the late Cindy Miles.

six ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

He joins three siblings: Gil, 8; Neva, 6; and Powell, 3.

His grandparents include: Gill and Bonnie Powell of Romulus and Robert and Anna Smith of Wayne.

Katherine Ann Lund, daughter of Barbara and Michael Lund of Livonia, was born Aug. 18, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed nine pounds and four ounces at birth and measured 21 and 1/2 inches.

Her grandparents include: Nellie and George Baldwin of Plymouth and Amy and Charles Lund of Waterford.

Romulus student seeks area title

Tiffany Marie Usher of Romulus will be participating in the Nationals' 2000 Miss Pre-Teen Detroit pageant competition on Sept. 17.

Tiffany enjoys reading, swimming, basketball and shopping in her spare time.

If she wins the Detroit title, Tiffany will share in over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts.

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If Tiffany takes the Detroit title, she will travel to Orlando, FL for the National Competition where over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented.

There is no cost to Tiffany for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist her in participating in this year's competition by becoming official sponsors to her.

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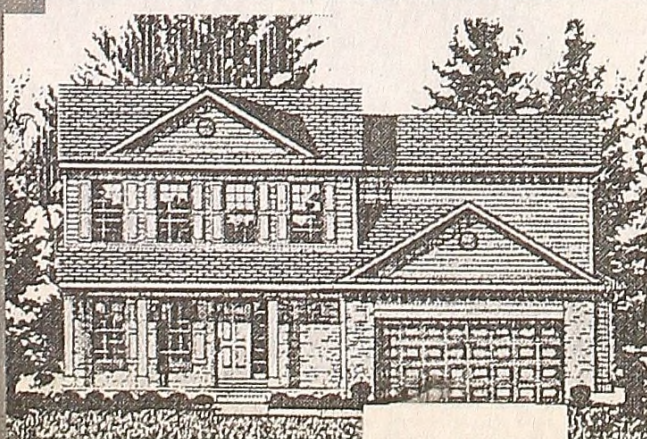
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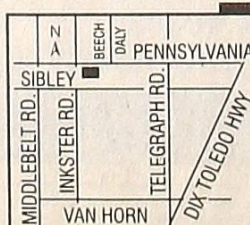


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Young, Hunter exchange vows

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

"Two lives, two hearts joined together in friendship, united forever in love."

Saundra Y. Young and James R. Hunter exchanged wedding vows during a double ring ceremony held recently at the Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland.

The bride was a vision of loveliness, wearing a beautiful very pale silver gown, with matching veil and train, trimmed with tiny, delicate rhinestones.

She carried an eye-catching bouquet of soft shades of pinks, blues and lilacs. Eight bridesmaids wore off the shoulder pale blue dresses

adorned with matching scarves.

Mrs. Lois Young, mother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, parents of the groom, participated in the Lighting of the United Candles; followed by the presentation of bouquets to the parents by the newlyweds.

Reverend Stanley Sims gave special remarks and Minister Sharon Smith officiated. Karisha Springer was the soloist and Isaiah Brown read the scripture: Ephesians 5:12.

Members of the bridal party were Lynngail Brown - Matron of Honor; Steven Taylor - Best Man; Gwendolyn Shaw - Maid of Honor; Diane Barber, Ardis Caldwell, Jeanna English, Kim English, and Jannet Kearney



Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hunter were united in holy matrimony during a double-ring ceremony.

were Bridesmaids.

Roslyn English served as the Junior Bridesmaid, and Christopher English and Joshua Shaw were Ring Bearers. Serving as Flower Girls were Lyndsi Caldwell, Krystle English and Danielle Shaw.

Darryl English, Albert Green, Robert Holmes, Will-

iam M. Hunter, Terence Jenkins, Craig Lofton and Phillip Rogers were Groomsmen.

Minister Jerri Porter was the very capable Directress.

A Luncheon Reception was held at the Burton Manor in Livonia immediately following the morning wedding ceremony.

Celebration is planned for pastor Jackson

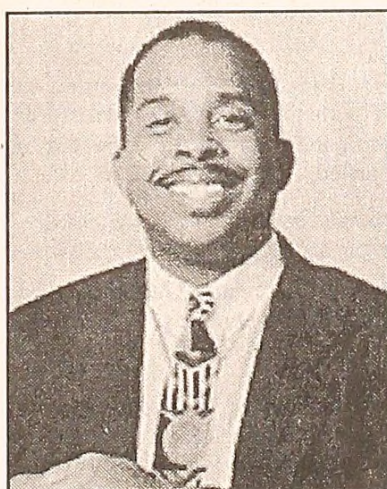
By THEOLA JONES
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The Anniversary Committee has completed plans to honor the Rev. Terrell A. Jackson, pastor of Womack Temple C.M. E. Church, on the occasion of his fourth anniversary as head of the church.

Everyone is invited to attend the Fourth Appreciation Banquet that will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Karas House, 23632 Plymouth Road, in Redford Township.

Rev. Jackson, personable and gregarious, is involved not only in the religious community, but he also is active in the city and area's civic and human services and organizations.

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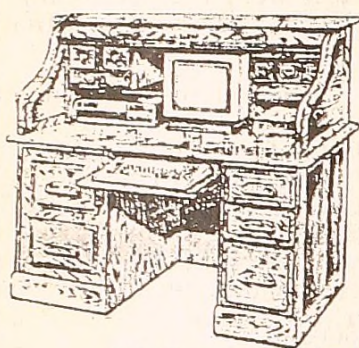
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974 as amended, for Bayloff Die & Machine Company, on premises in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 3 South, Range 8 East in the Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne and State of Michigan more particularly described as: beginning at a point distant South 00 degrees, 07 minutes, 40 seconds West 156.79 feet along the East line of Section 4 and South 89 degrees, 07 minutes, 15 seconds West 63.00 feet and South 00 degrees, 07 minutes, 40 seconds West 60.1 feet along the West line of Belleville Road as established from the Northeast Corner of said Section 4, thence South 00 degrees, 07 minutes, 40 seconds West 706.99 feet along the West line of Belleville Road as established, thence South 89 degrees, 07 minutes, 15 seconds West 801.00 feet thence North 00 degrees, 07 minutes, 40 seconds East 706.99 feet, thence North 89 degrees, 07 minutes, 15 seconds East 801.00 feet to the point to the point of beginning, containing 13 acres and subject to easements of record.

Property Item Number: A portion of sidwell number V125-83-013-99-0002-701.

The above described property was established as Industrial District #13 by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustee on June 7, 1988, in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111. The legal description is also available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-26 SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, Haidous, Powser, Lentine, Shackelford. Member Absent: McEachern, excused. Approved: minutes of Regular Meeting held August 15, 2000. Presentation of resolution to 2000 Diamond Of The Community recipient, Pauline Darnell. **APPROVED** proclamation designating September 20, 2000 as National Undoing Racism Day in Wayne; request from The First Baptist Church for Special Event Permit to conduct a camp-out September 8-10, 2000 and waiver of fee; request from The Palace Theater Company to waive Temporary Sign Permit and the Construction Board of Appeals fees for their Haunted Theater, October 6-31, 2000; awarded bids for installation of an aqua shield retrofit system on Forest Street, east of the Department of Public Works yard, two pick-up trucks with snow plows for the DPW, typesetting and printing of the 2001 City Calendar; renewal of the license to operate four mechanical or electronic amusement devices at Tubs & Tumblers, 3680 Elizabeth Street; new SDM License for Arbor Drugs, Inc., 2950 Newburgh Road; Second Reading and Adoption of the 2000-2001 Downtown Development Authority Budget and a 2000 Amendment; reappointment of Robert Eix to the Electrical Examining Board to July 2003; resignation of Celestine Sanders from the Housing Commission; resolution requesting Wayne County to close Wayne Rd, between Glenwood Rd and Sims Ave, on September 29, 2000 from for the WMHS Homecoming Parade; Telephone Franchise Agreement with McLeod USA; resolution recommending the City declare, pursuant to Public Act 132 of 1999, that abandoned tax delinquent property be identified and inspected and may be characterized as certified abandoned property, subject to accelerated forfeiture and foreclosure under Michigan Law; purchase 36 employee recognition pins; regarding 2001 Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) for the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvements: resolution approving a City match in funds and payment to Beckett & Raeder, Inc. for a Base Preparation/Preliminary Landscape Design, and Professional Services Agreement as the Project Consultant for the implementation of TEA-21 requirements and reimbursable; Weed List No. 2000-9; resolution regarding a State Trunkline Maintenance Contract between the City and MDOT for the period October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, and designate DPW Director, Gary Clark as the Maintenance Superintendent; modifications to the M-Set agreement between the Cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City for the operation of a Joint Street Crimes Task Force; amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris, & May, for design and engineering services relating to the Water and Sewer Replacement Project-Phase II; holding of a Public Auction for the disbursement of surplus City equipment at the Department of Public Works on October 14, 2000; renewal of Professional Services Agreement with the Americast Television Advertising Division of Ameritech New Media, for the period October 23, 2000 through October 21, 2001 for cable advertising; regarding Central Business District Parking Lot #3: authorize Administration to terminate ABC Paving Company from further work, authorize making the necessary asphalt repairs for affected properties, authorize making the necessary repairs to the wall and the other remaining items; Professional Services Agreement with Riccobono Productions for two winter performances at Stage IV; Professional Services Agreement with the Michigan Opera Theatre for one winter performance at Stage IV; acceptance of petitions for a proposed Charter amendment and directed the City Clerk to forward the proposed ballot language to Governor Engler; resolution regarding the Fire Department Fire Safety Plan Review, Fee Schedule and Policies; purchase of 35033 Chestnut Street; Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, to provide a landscaping plan for the Planet Playscape. Site plan #2000-24, Wayne Plaza, 32518 through 32536 Michigan Avenue deferred until next meeting. Denied request from The Palace Theater Company to waive Building and Electrical permit fees. Received and Filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calender. Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: September 14, 2000

Tea for teddy Community leader's death leaves empty hearts, ballot

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

It began with a passion for theater and a love of the whimsical, and this weekend, The Teddy Bear's Picnic will delight local youngsters. Event coordinator Jane Bassett Millett said the idea was born when she spotted the stage in Van Buren Park, near where she is building her new home. A 25-year veteran dancer and performer, she says, "When I saw that stage, I knew I had to have that. I didn't sleep for two days." She considered several uses for the stage, and finally decided that her first township event should be a childrens event, and developed the Teddy Bear Picnic.

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The Saturday death of beloved Sumpter Township community member Donald Rochon has saddened the community. It has also created some election confusion. Rochon, age 50, ran in the Sumpter Township August primary for a seat on the township board of trustees and won his spot on the November ballot. But his death, which followed a brief illness, left election officials scratching their heads.

"We had to dig rather deep into the law," said Wayne County campaign finance coordinator Carol Larkin. At first, township officials thought the next highest vote earner would be placed on the ballot in Rochon's stead. But Larkin said the county political committee, or the 13th Congressional Democratic District Organization, will determine by a vote who should be on the ballot.

Besides being missed on the ballot, Rochon's friends said he'll be missed every day. Sumpter deputy clerk said, "He was such a wonder person, and he volunteered so much of his time and energy in so many capacities," citing his former activities on the towns-



Donald Rochon, as most folks knew him, at last year's parks and recreation annual turkey shoot. Rochon, seated, was tallying the scores to determine the winner at the event.

hip's fire department, and his efforts in the parks and recreation committee.

Rochon was a longtime employee of the Van Buren Public Schools building and grounds department. His supervisor, Ed Randolph, the department's director, said he didn't know exactly how long Rochon had been employed with the schools, but "He was there when I got there 26 years ago."

Rochon was recently honored as Sumpter Township's Volunteer of the Year. Rochon continued to work

until he suddenly became ill six weeks ago. Rochon is survived by his wife, Margaret, three children, three grandchildren, his father, Leonard and stepmother Helen. Services were held yesterday at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

Those interested in running in the election should write a letter to: Carol Larkin, 13th Congressional Democratic District Organization, 1021 W. Rose Ave., Garden City, MI 48135. Anyone with questions can contact her at her home phone number at (734) 421-2638.

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SAVING GRACE (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:00

THE CREW (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 7:30

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Coordinator of Development Miller, Environmental Coordinator Ballard, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of forty-seven (47).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following correction: Under "New Business" Item #3 the parcel number be corrected to read V125-83-010-99-0019-000. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Foster and Clerk King on behalf of the Board presented a proclamation honoring "Old Village of Denton" resident Richard Dunton.

Environmental Coordinator Ballard introduced Mark Dupree and Tom Bushy from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), who discussed Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the many uses for this type of technology in local government.

Supervisor Foster stated the Van Buren Township web site address is www.vanburen-mi.org.

Clerk King stated Supervisor Helen Foster has been recognized as the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award recipient for Government and Law for the year 2000. Supervisor Foster was nominated for this honor by township resident and Chamber of Commerce President Ralph Nodwell. This award seeks to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of women in various professions. In addition, Supervisor Foster has also received the Outstanding Administrator Award from the Michigan Society of Planning, a chapter of the American Association of Planners. Sally Hodges, from McKenna & Associates nominated her for this honor which acknowledges outstanding efforts in community planning.

Officer Bart DeVos thanked everyone involved with this year's "Camp with a Cop" program particularly the businesses who donated food, bicycles and helmets and a special thank you to Pam Fleming for all her program administration work. This year 76 children participated in the program and it was a huge success. Officer DeVos then presented Aaron Gage and Holly Mayfield with bicycles and helmets they won at the camp.

MINUTES: Clark moved, King seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 14, 2000, as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2000, as presented. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to approve the Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes of August 21 & 22, 2000, as corrected to reflect that Treasurer Budd was absent and excused for the Tuesday, August 22nd session. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 2000-33, Van Buren Commerce Center Storm Water Maintenance Agreement as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Clark seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 9-5-00, to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to day care uses. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 9-5-00 follows the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available for review in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours Monday through Friday.)

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Stoneybrook site condominium plan [and related Master Deed and Bylaw documents, to be located on the east side of Belleville Road, south of Van Born Road], parcel number V125-83-99-010-99-0019-000. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the September 5, 2000 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Ross stated the "Teddy Bear Picnic" will be held on September 16th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park and reminded attendees to bring their bear or other stuffed animal. He also said the monthly swing dance socials are set to begin on Saturday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and a new nature photography class will begin on October 23rd. For information about these programs and others contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

Trustee Rochowiak advised that area florists are giving people a dozen free roses on Wednesday, September 6th as part of "Good Neighbor Day." People are to keep one rose for themselves and give the remaining eleven to friends, neighbors and other people they may come in contact with.

Supervisor Foster stated that we are the first township to receive the planning award from the Michigan Society of Planning Officials in the last fifteen years.

Clerk King stated the November 7th General Election is fast approaching and requests for absentee ballots may be submitted for processing even though the actual ballots have not yet arrived. Requests must include the name, registered address and reason for the requested ballot along with a signature and address to which the ballot should be sent. In addition, she stated election inspectors are always needed. Inspectors need to be 18 years of age or older and registered voters in Wayne County. Contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909 for more information.

Supervisor Foster thanked Cable Coordinator Dick Basten for his years of dedicated service to VBTv channel 12.

Environmental Coordinator Ballard stated the township has a 24-hour environmental hotline for residents to contact regarding areas of concern. The telephone number to call is 699-8926.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Supervisor

Publish: September 14, 2000

Obituaries

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

BERRY, JENNIE, of Wayne, died September 6. Beloved wife of the late Samuel. Dear sister of Celia Monturo and Frances Snopkoski. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne with burial at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

BISHOP, BIVY F., 70 of Belleville passed away Sept. 8. Beloved husband of Bobbie J. (White) Bishop for 49 years. Dear father of Montie Ray Bishop of Belleville, Patricia Gail (Greg) Short of Nevada, and Michael Dale (Mary) Bishop of Arizona. Dear son of the late Floyd and Orpha (Adams) Bishop. Brother of Ruby Bohannon of Belleville, Aubrey (Edna) Bishop of Pikeville, Kentucky, and Donna Santa of California. Also grandfather of 8 (6 granddaughters and 2 grandsons) and great grandfather of 1 (1 great granddaughter). He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He attended Grace Baptist Church in Belleville. He was employed by the GM-Hydromatic Plant, Ypsilanti. He also served his country in the U.S. Army. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and three sisters. Funeral services were held September 11 at Grace Baptist Church, Belleville with Pastor Robert J. White officiating. Interment was held at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made to Arbor Hospice in Allen Park or the American Cancer Foundation. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

BRUCE, ADELINE B., 88 of Westland, passed away September 8. Beloved wife of the late Bernard. Dear mother to Gary (Kathryn) Brock, Ronald (Linda) Brock, and Bernard (Emily) Brock Jr. Sister to the late Fedelis LaPorte. Aunt to Robert LaPorte. Grandmother to 7 and Great grandmother to 2. Funeral services were held Sept. 11 at Uht Funeral Home with Father Jack Baker.

BRUCE, LLOYD MICHAEL, 57 of Romulus passed away August 30. Survived by brothers James R. (Leslie) Bruce, Howard Z. Bruce, sisters Mrs. Wayne (Martha P) Brewer, Ms. Geraldine L. Kirkman, fifteen nieces and nephews, and thirty great nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by two sisters. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home. Rev. David Grinnell of York Baptist Church officiated with the burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Shriners Crippled Children.

COLLINS, EDDIE EDWIN, 47 of Wayneboro, Tennessee, passed away September 5. Dear son of Emma Collins and the late James. Loving father of Sammy Ray Collins of Westland. Dear brother to Pat Abraham, Thelma Collins, Nancy Michling, Leslie Clark, James Collins Jr., Freddie Collins, Billy Collins, and Sammy Collins. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Coolidge officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

DECKER, LARRY RAY, 51 of Ypsilanti, died September 2. Beloved husband Charlotte Aline (Ferguson) Decker. Dear father of Michael (Rachel) Decker, Beverly (Edward) Olis, and Christina (Steve) Coak, all of Wayne. Also loving grandfather to 9. Funeral services were held September 5. Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

HIXSON, LUELLA M., 89 of Ypsilanti formerly of Belleville passed away Sept. 6. Beloved wife

of the late Mark Hixson. Dear mother of Mary Anna Bradshaw of Ypsilanti, Nancy L. Bishop of Bellevue, NE, Patricia K. (Joe) Stuky of Ypsilanti and Virginia J. (James) Kern of Marvsville. Dear daughter of the late Ernest J. & Mary Edna (Brown) Johnson. Sister to Howard D. Johnson of Boyne City, MI. Loving Grandmother to 5 and Great Grandmother of 5. She was also a member of Almont Order of the Eastern Star and an Honorary Member of the Alpha Chapter #325 Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska. Cremation rites were accorded. Interment was held at the Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made to Arbor Hospice or Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Disabled. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

HUNT, ROBERT C. (Bob, B), 47 formerly of Sumpter Township passed away. Born August 6, 1953 in Ilwaco, Washington. He is survived by brothers Rick (Robin) Holmes, Randy (Terri) Hunt of Ocean Park, Washington, Roger (Terri) Hunt of Taylor, and sister Betty Jean (Bob) Cox of Ocean Park, Washington. Dear son of Jean Foley and the late Junior Robert (Bob) Hunt of Ocean Park, Washington. He is also survived by 4 step brothers, 1 step sister, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at Perry's Funeral Home on Trumbull in Detroit.

KOBLECK, PATRICIA F., 65 of Belleville, passed away August 29. Dear mother of Gus S. (Mindy) Kobleck of Woodhaven, New York, and Guy Kobleck of Sarasota, Florida. Dear daughter of the late Ignatius and Genevieve (Kuchta) Klonowski. Sister of Bernadine (Vincent) Rozenbaum of Williamston, Michigan and Christine Hoggs of Schaumburg, Illinois. Also Grandmother to Nicholas Kobleck. Preceded in death by her parents and sister Mary Ann Weaver. Funeral services were held Sept. 1 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas Cusick officiating. Interment was held at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

MULLEN, HELEN L., 57 of Belleville passed away Sept. 5. Survived by husband Kenneth Mullen, children Tammy Pitylak of Holland, Pamela (Daniel) Drouillard of Belleville, Kenneth Mullen Jr., and Jamie Mullen both of Brownstown. Dear daughter of the late Ewing and Hilda (Morrison) Burnham. Sister of Donna (Frank) Mullen of Romulus and Doug (Judy) Burnham of Kent, Washington. Also survived by seven grandchildren (John, Kelly, Shelby, Samantha, Alyssa, Christopher, and Kevin). She loved flowers, gardening and had a fond-

ness of birds. She was also a member o Willow United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister, and brother. Funeral services were held Sept. 8 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Beth Librande, Rev. Carmen Minarik, and Rev. Donna Minarik officiating. Interment at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made to Willow United Methodist Church. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville

PORTNOY, IMOGENE BOLDMAN, 77 of Romulus, died September 2. She was born in Memphis, TN June 27, 1923. She grew up in Polkville, MS. She moved to Michigan in 1952 and was employed by GM for over 33 years. Proceeded in death by her parents Leonard and Cleo Easterling and a brother Maurice. Also by her first husband Al Boldman and her second husband Alex Portnoy and by one step son Allen Boldman. Survived by her daughter Martha Boldman, stepchildren Viola Kenzer, Donna Shouse, Rose Mary Thompson, Jim (Linda) Portnoy, Bev Aragon, and daughter in law Sandy Boldman. Also survived by two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, sister Kathleen (Harold), brothers Paul (Jean) Easterling, Jim (Marjorie) Easterling, Percy (Mary) Easterling and Sister in law Thelma Easterling, and many nephews and nieces. Funeral arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne with entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

ROCHON, DONALD L., 49 of Belleville passed away September 9. Beloved husband of Margaret (Foster) Rochon. Dear father of Tammy (Michael) Wright of Roseville, Rebecca (Russell) LaPalme of Belleville, and Kevin Rochon of Belleville. Dear son of Leonard and the late Rose M. (Armatis) Rochon, step-son of Helen Rochon. Brother of David L. (Gloria) Rochon of Belleville and Sam (Brenda) Rochon of Belleville. Also grandfather to Dari-us and Kory Wright, and Raven LaPalme. He was employed by Van Buren Public Schools. He was also a member of Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation and the Huron Valley Conservation Club. He was a past Fire Chief of the Sumpter Fire Department and a newly elected Sumpter Township Trustee. He is preceded in death by his mother Rose and brother Gerald. Funeral services were held Sept. 13 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Interment of cremains at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the America Cancer Foundation. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE NO. 9-5-00

First reading of ordinance. Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular Board meeting of September 19, 2000 to be held in the Board Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, 6-2-92, AS AMENDED BY REVISING THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DAY CARE USES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

- Section 2.02 Definitions
- Section 6.01 Off-Street Parking Requirements
- Section 7.03 R-1A, R-2A, R-1B, and R-1C Single Family Residential Districts, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 8.03 RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 8.11.1 RM-1 Multiple Dwelling Residential District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 9.06 RHM, Mobile Home Park District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 10.02 AG-A and AG Agricultural Districts, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 11.02 C, Local Business District, Permitted Uses.
- Section 11.04 C, Local Business District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 12.03 C-1, General Business District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 13.03 C-2 Extensive Highway Business District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 14.03 RO, Restricted Office District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 15.03 M-1, Light Industrial District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 16.03 M-2, General Industrial District, Permitted Uses After Special Approval.
- Section 18 Conflicts
- Section 19 Severability
- Section 20 Effective Date

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the _____ day of _____ 2000.

YEAS: FOSTER, KING, BUDD, CLARK, HART, HERMAN, AND ROCHOWIAK.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAINED:

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby approve of the foregoing Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, CMC/AEE
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Township Supervisor

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PUBLISHED: September 14, 2000
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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by Dobrowolski, supported by Powser and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2000-20, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

- Section 1. That the City of Wayne Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Tax Increment Financing and Downtown Development Plan, as initially adopted in 1982 by City Ordinance #60, and as subsequently amended (in 1993, 1996, and 1997), is amended by the reinstatement of the following: "Improve fire services for the Downtown Development District by constructing or renovating a facility in the District."
- Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
- Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: September 5, 2000
Published: September 14, 2000
Effective: September 14, 2000

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 7-18-00

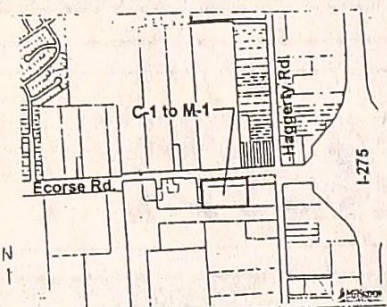
First reading of Ordinances. Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular Board of Trustees Meeting of August 1, 2000 to be held in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

- Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 7-18-00



To rezone a portion of parcels V 125-83-041-99-0001-001, and V 125-83-041-99-0001-713, located in Section 11, from C-1 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Industrial) with all land further than five hundred seventy feet (570') from the Haggerty Road right of way proposed as M-1 and the balance of the property to remain as C-1.

- Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.
- Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the _____ day of _____ 2000.

YEAS: King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Foster.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby approve of the foregoing Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, CMC/AEE
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Supervisor

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PUBLISHED: July 27, 2000
September 14, 2000
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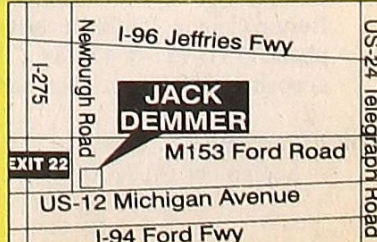
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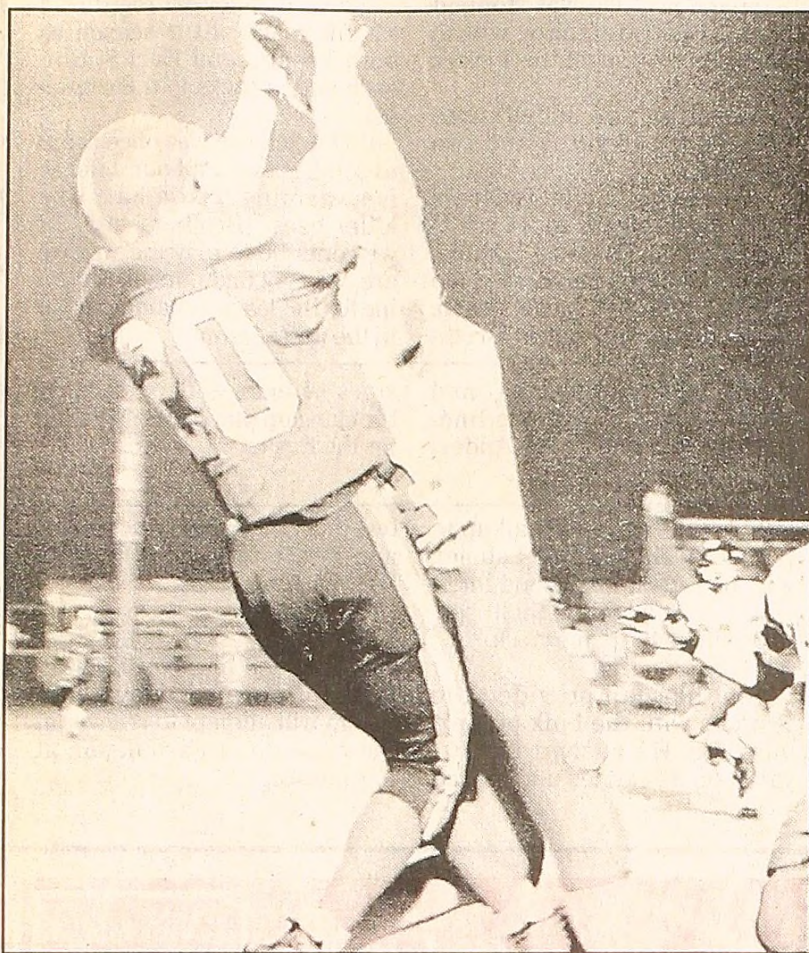
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Glenn cashes in on Salem turnovers

Rockets host North; Salem at Farmington next



It was 'heads up' football by John Glenn's Andrew Peiffer (20) as he displayed against Livonia Churchill (action above) that lifted the Rockets to their first win of the season two weeks ago. Peiffer came back Friday night with another strong game. His late second quarter interception opened the scoring against Plymouth-Salem as Glenn went on to win the Western Lakes, Lakes Division opener, 20-14. The Rockets will meet Farmington next. Photo by Carl Brown.

Holiday doesn't slow down Twisters' title momentum

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A weekend off for the Labor Day holiday didn't slow down the Twisters' title momentum as manager J. Glenn Brothers' ball club crushed the Motor City Cougars, 33-8, Saturday in a Lake Shore Conference football game to remain undefeated.

The victory stretched the Twisters' winning streak to six games. The Twisters remain the only team in the conference with an unblemished record, with three games left to the playoffs phase of the season.

"I felt we played a great game against them," said Brothers later. "We're pleased, very pleased at the way this season is shaping up. But, as the saying goes, it isn't over until it's over."

The Twisters got down to work early as quarterback Rob Elswick tossed a five-yard touchdown pass to Frank Niscoromni, who then side-stepped one defender and raced untouched the remaining 14 yards into the Cougar end zone. Chuck Lauber made it 7-0 after successfully booting the extra point.

After an exchange of punts, the Twisters came back for their second score of the game as "Little Twister" Reggie Brandon pulled in a pass from Elswick and ran 17 yards to pay dirt.

Lauder followed with the point-after and the Twisters were up 14-0 at the end of the first period.

The Cougars came back in the next frame and tilted the scoreboard with what proved to be their only TD of the game. A deceptive bootlegged reverse opened the way for a 43-yard

touchdown run. The Cougars then opted for the two-point conversion and made it.

But the 14-8 score would be the closest the Cougars would get the rest of the game. The Twisters came back with their potent Elswick and Brandon combination, and the two combined on a 31-yard pass completion that left the Twisters nine-yards shy of the Cougar goal line.

The Twisters stayed on the ground and, with four seconds left, Elswick went for the option and got through the defense as he dove over the Cougars' goal line.

Lauber kick for the extra point was good, and the Twisters had the Cougars up against the ropes, 21-8.

Any attempt by the Cougars' offense in the second half was repelled by a strong and determined Twister defense.

Brandon got the Twisters on the scoreboard in the third quarter as he broke loose for an exciting 72-yard touchdown jaunt that brought Twister fans to their feet.

Lauber failed to convert on his fourth point-after, so the Twisters settled for a 27-8 lead.

Midway in the final quarter, the Twister defense recovered a Cougar fumble and turned the mistake into the final score of the game. Elswick engineered a seven-play, 56-yard drive, that culminated with James Gibson's four-yard TD plunge. Lauber's attempt for the PAT sailed wide of the up-rights.

Brandon set the pace for the Twisters' backfield as he rushed for 92 yards on two carries. He also caught two passes for 48 additional yards.

Westland's Pat Bowie racked

See **TWISTERS**, page B-2

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It isn't a week that Plymouth high school football teams would like to remember.

While state power Farmington Hills Harrison was embarrassing previously undefeated Plymouth-Canton, 41-8, Westland John Glenn handed turnover-prone Plymouth-Salem its second straight setback of the season, 20-14.

Salem helped to bring about its own demise Friday night before the home crowd as coach Tom Moshimer's Rocks committed four costly irreversible mistakes in the form of interceptions.

Glenn now has won two straight after dropping its season opener to Detroit Kettering. Coach Chuck Gordon's Rockets shot down Livonia Churchill a week ago before picking up the big victory at Salem.

Scoreless until the final two minutes of the first half, the Westlanders drew first blood when Andrew Peiffer picked off a Salem pass and returned it 25-yards with 1:55 left in the second quarter for the first score of the game.

Seconds before he scored the TD, Peiffer had a 30-yard field goal attempt blocked. He also unsuccessfully attempted to get the point-after his TD.

The Rockets came back in the third quarter and scored on running back Dan Smitherman's six-yarder which culminated an eight-play, 68-yard drive orchestrated by quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz with 3:37 left.

Gordon's Rockets opted to go for the two-point conversion, but their bid was unsuccessful.

After the ensuing kickoff, Salem QB David Hoskins put together a five play, 55-yard sustained drive which included a long pass which was completed just one-yard short of the Glenn goal line.

Salem fullback Brandon Ellison lunged in from the one for the

TD and, Jim March kicked the extra point to make it a 12-7 game.

The suspense carried over to the fourth quarter until Smitherman gave the Rockets some breathing room as he plowed over the Salem goal line from two-yards out. Ceckiewicz gave the Rockets the two-point conversion to lift the Rockets to a 20-7 lead.

Hoskins came back with the answer. The soph Salem QB went to the middle on a bullet that hit soph receiver Brian Tominna for a 24-yard score, and March again made good on the point-after.

With time running out and Glenn with a 20-14 lead, the Rocks

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Romulus still remains perfect

Searcy scores 3 TDs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With junior running back Charles Searcy scoring three touchdowns and junior fullback Fred Harbor cashing in two runs for scores, Romulus destroyed Southgate Anderson, 41-0, Friday night in an anticipated Mega Conference football showdown that just didn't materialize.

Searcy, a premier back who has almost a dozen TDs this season, scored on runs of 62, 20 and nine and finished the game with a total of 139-yards in 13 attempts. The young running back played less than 2 1/2 quarters.

Harbor rushed for 73 yards on four attempts and scored from 51 and 21 yards out.

"I felt we played an exceptional game against them," said Cook, who is in his first year as head coach. "What I am pleased about it that we committed only two penalties which shows that we are concentrating on what we're doing out there."

Romulus is preparing for Week 4 of the season. Their next scheduled game is against Cook's alma mater, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, a team that is winless in its first three starts.

The Eagles enter the Mega Conference crossover game as a strong favorite to win No. 4.

Cook described this year's Robichaud team as "fairly young and inexperienced," but who, the rookie coach says, "will be sky-high for us."

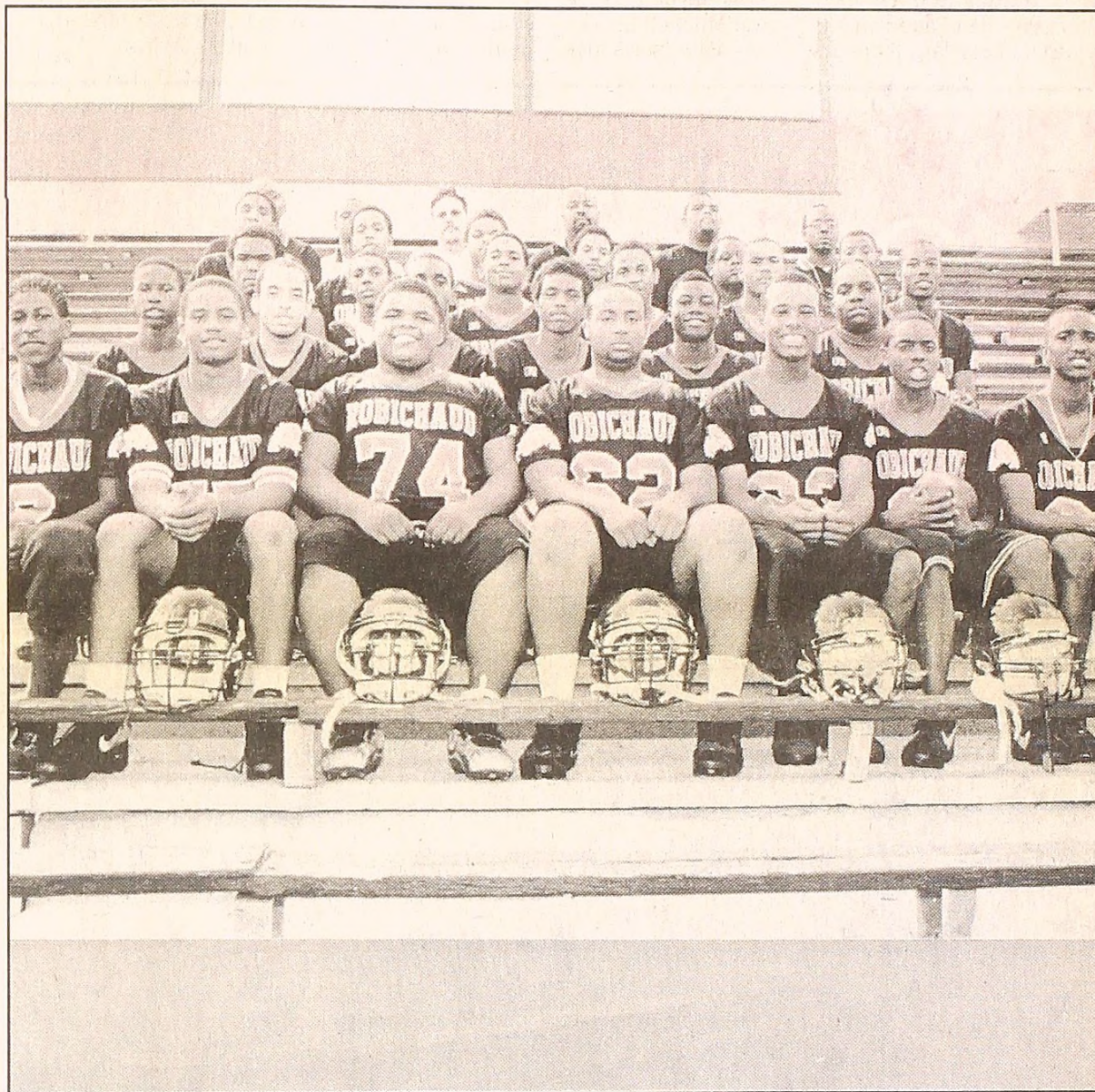
Romulus built up a 34-0 lead against Anderson and extended the lead to 41-0 for three as Cook indiscriminately moved players in an out of the game.

Romulus also scored on a pass from quarterback Daniel Jarrett to split end Mike Woods, which covered 64 yards.

Steve Moore made good on five of his six point-after attempts to round out the scoring.

Pleased with the "entire defense", Cook singled out Harbor, a middle linebacker, who accounted for five sacks and eight tackles, and outside linebacker Ray Graves, who had eight tackles for playing an exceptional game on defense.

Bruce Thompson, a nose
See **ROMULUS**, page B-2



Although winless in their first three starts, Robichaud, (above) has a tradition of winning on the gridiron and producing some of the finest collegiate and NFL players in the country. The Bulldogs have a big task before them this week when they host undefeated Romulus at 4 p.m. in a Mega Conference crossover game. Photo by Carl Brown

Old friends clash on gridiron

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wade Cook and Mark Medlock went to the same school, grew up together and played ball for the same school.

And are the best of friends, they say.

Now, they coach at separate high schools in the area - Medlock, at Robichaud; Cook, at Romulus.

Friday afternoon, at 4 p.m., Medlock, in his second year as head coach, and looking for his first victory in three starts, will take on Cook and the Eagles, who won all three of their starts this season.

"We are very close friends," said Cook of Medlock. "In fact, we went to the Lions' game together

on Sunday. We enjoy each other's company. We obviously have a lot in common."

That may be true.

But, you can bet there will be no love lost when these coaches and their two teams meet on the gridiron in Dearborn Heights.

But, before the sidebars, let it be known that the Lions managed to rally in the second half to edge the visiting Washington Redskins, 15-10, for their second win.

Now back to the upcoming Mega Conference crossover.

The Romulus (Blue Division) - Robichaud (Gold Division) game also has an interesting aspect to it in that Romulus quarterback Daniel Jarrett played at Robichaud before he transferred to Romulus for his senior year.

Will the Bulldogs be gunning for their former teammate?

"Don't know," says Cook, "but I do know they will be sky-high for us. If they beat us, it would be a great win for them."

Cook described Robichaud as "a fairly young and inexperience team," then added, "but you never know how a game will shape up until the game is actually played."

Romulus is coming off of its third impressive win of the season (See **Related Story on this Page**). The Eagles shut out Southgate Anderson, 41-0, while Robichaud sustained its third successive loss, 44-6, at the hands of River Rouge, the defending Mega Conference, Gold Division champ.

Inkster shoots down Flyers for No. 2 Win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Getting a record-setting performance out of running back Michael Gray, Inkster shot down Willow Run's Flyers, 30-27, in a game that Viking coach Mark Townsend "was a must for his team."

"We needed to win this one, and our kids got the job done," said Townsend, after his team's second straight divisional victory in as many weeks. "But we made some errors, especially in the second half that almost cost us

this game."

Inkster built up a 24-8 halftime lead before allowing their hosts to get back into the game. Willow Run scored 12 unanswered points in the third quarter. The Flyers closed to within four, 24-20, before Inkster came back with a fourth-quarter touchdown by Gray that sent the Flyers into a tailspin.

Gray, a senior running back, rushed for 324 yards on 14 at-

tempts, and scored on runs of 80, 75 and 90 yards to open the way to Inkster's victory.

"Gray's performance was incredible," said Townsend. "And he's going to get better as the season progresses."

Gray stunned Willow Run early. On the first play of the game, he took a handoff from quarterback Michael Hunter, dashed to the right of the line, slipped off tackle, bounced off a linebacker,

regained his footing and did not stop pumping until he completed a 75-yard touchdown run.

He came right back and scored on a similar play late in the quarter. The second TD was a bolt off tackle that carried the speedy ball carrier 85 yards for a TD. The Vikings had a 12-0 lead.

Robert Scott's up-the-middle run gave the Vikings the two-point conversion, making it a 14-0 game.

Willow Run countered with Marcus Anthony's 45-yard touchdown, which cut into the Vikings' lead, 14-8. The Flyers made good on the two-point conversion.

Early in the second quarter, Inkster's sophomore running back Ronald Perry also used the middle of the line to get through for a 65-yard touchdown run.

Perry, who finished with 120-yards on 12 carries, also converted to give the visiting Vikings a

24-8 lead at the half.

But Anthony & Company came back after the break and scored back-to-back touchdowns that pulled the Flyers within four, 24-20, of erasing their deficit.

Gray settled the issue when he again broke loose on another long run, an 85-yarder, for his third TD that put the Flyers into their fatal nosedive.

"We got to give our front line (offense) a lot of credit," said Townsend. "They executed well and that enabled our backs to go

See **INKSTER**, page B-2

Carter still looking for defense, first victory

Wayne Memorial's offense came alive last week, and the punting game is live and well, thanks to Matt Patterson, but coach Floyd Carter is still looking for the Zebras to play the kind of defense that wins football games.

Three games into the year 2000 season, Wayne remains winless.

"We put points on the board against a strong Monroe team Friday night, and we had other opportunities to score against them, so I am pleased at our offense," said Carter, after the Zebras dropped a 28-12 decision to their Mega Conference, Red Division opponents before the home crowd.

"It's our defense that is causing us problems right now. We just need to play better defense. We're giving up big plays that are hurting us."

The defense must come around.

If it doesn't, an option fine-tuned Dearborn team, Wayne's next opponent, will destroy them in their next Mega Red encounter. The Pioneers will host Wayne at 7 p.m. Friday in a Red Division game.

"Dearborn runs the option very well," Carter noted. "They are a solid team, and we match up with them. But we can't afford to give up the big plays as we did against Monroe and expect to win."

Monroe struck first against Wayne, putting together an 84-yard drive that ended at 7:44 left with William Ford-Walk scoring from 36 yards out. The key play in the series was a 23-yard run by Antoine Ford on a first and 25 that Wayne's defense failed to read.

Monroe's extra-point bid was blocked by Clifton Edwards.

Midway in the second quarter, Wayne tied the score when Patterson and Darian Mitchell hooked up on a 43-yard touchdown pass. Patterson's kick

for the go-ahead point sailed left of the upright.

In that TD series, Patterson covered 74 yards in five plays which included a 42-yard pass on third down to Edwards.

The visitors took the lead for good with 3:01 left in the half as quarterback Michael Leach completed a 32-yard pass to Ford for the TD. Leach then completed the series with a two-point conversion pass to Randy Thompson, lifting Monroe to a 14-6 advantage.

Monroe padded its lead to 21-6 early in the third quarter as Leach and Ford combined on a 54-yard TD pass-run play. Essex Ryan kicked the extra point, making it a 21-6 ball game.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Ford scored on a 53-yard pass from Leach for Monroe's final score. Ryan again kicked the point-after.

Wayne came back and scored with 3:54 left in the game as Patterson found Shannon Jeffries in the end zone with a nine-yard scoring toss. The Wayne TD was set up by Mitchell's 17-yard punt return, and Patterson kept the drive alive with an eight-yard, first-down play.

Patterson, much improved over his first two performances, completed nine of 25 passing attempts for 126 yards and two touchdowns. One of his passes was picked off by the Monroe secondary.

The senior quarterback, who also is responsible for his team's punting, gave the Zebras good field position as he launched seven punts for a total of 241 yards, an average of 34.4. His longest was a 41-yarder, and none of his attempts were blocked.

Despite its lapses on defense, Wayne did receive an outstanding effort from Jimmy Brucker, who accounted for five initial hits and three assists. Teammate Arthur Ochoa also carded 11 points, on five initial stops and six assists.

Bulldogs

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to work."

The defense, led by Robert Jackson, Adrian Matthews, Kew Dew, Eric Casey and Raymonte Jenkins, also earned the Viking's coach's praise.

Jackson, a bruising 6-3, 320-pound defensive tackle, and

Matthews, who stands 6-2, 270-pounds, managed to intimidate Willow Run's backfield and quarterback.

Matthews was credited with eight solo tackles and three assists. Defensive end Eric Casey, 6-4, 265, chalked up four solos and had six assists.

Inkster (2-1) will travel to Dearborn Heights Crestwood for its next Mega Conference

Gold Division game, and Townsend says the Chargers are much better than their record (1-2) reflects.

"They're a disciplined team that does not make mistakes on offense," Townsend noted. "Our defense will be tested."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Crestwood High School field.

Twisters

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for 92 yards on two carries. He also caught two passes for 48 additional yards.

Westland's Pat Bowie racked up 41 yards on six rushes, and Gibson's number was called 11 times and he compiled a total of 55 yards.

As a team, the Twisters piled up a total of 428 yards.

Twisters' Donti Hamilton cov-

ered 76 yards returning kickoffs, one for 27 and the last for 49 yards which he almost broke for a touchdown. He was stopped by a Cougar defender whose diving tackle caught the Twister ballcarrier.

Hamilton also added three catches for 19 yards and two first downs.

Defensively, the Twisters held the Cougars to 34 yards passing and 72 yards rushing. Lauber and Bob Pensari led the defense with five tackles each. Bob Hagelthorn, Aaron Broth-

ers, Damon Frendo and Eric Thompson each had four tackles.

Steve Rawkowski registered his first sack of the season as both Frendo and Earl Sutton each added sacks to their credits.

"The defense was once again as solid as rock and our defense is swarming to the ball like killer bees," Brothers said. "If we continue to play the way we are, we may find ourselves playing for the league championship in the post season."

Romulus

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guard, with nine tackles, and Wendell Woods, outside linebacker who disrupted Ander-

son's offense consistently by breaking up plays, also stood out for the Eagles.

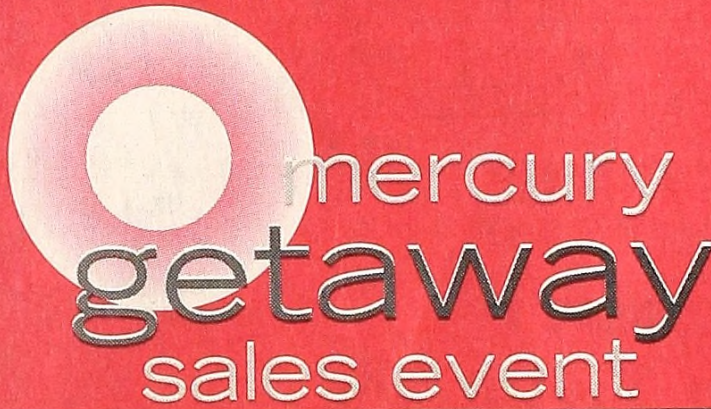
ritory, only to give the ball up in the secondary to Karon Latimer, who picked off his second interception. This one with 39 seconds left on the game clock.

Smitherman provided the Rockets with the bulk of their yardage. He rushed for 201 yards on 34 carries and scored

two touchdowns. Randy Sinnott and Peiffer got the other two Salem interceptions.

In their quest for No. 3 victory, Glenn will host North Farmington at 7 p.m. Friday, while Salem will attempt to recover at the expense of Farmington at Farmington.

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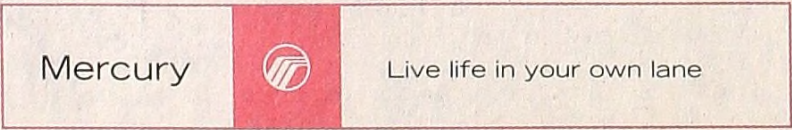
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WYAA to honor 'Super Bowl' champs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Over the past decade, the accomplishments of the WYAA's 1990 Comets Junior Varsity team have not diminished.

The Westland Youth Athletic Association team enjoyed a perfect season en route to a unforgettable WYAA victory in the Super Bowl.

Ten years after the 1990 Comets won the Super Bowl title,

Team reunion is planned

WYAA officials want to bring the players together for a "last hurrah".

"These kids were great. Some went on to play high school and college ball," noted Keith DeMolay, WYAA publicist. "The WYAA plans to honor these players, and we'd like to get the word out about the ceremony."

DeMolay said that there will be a brief ceremony during the half-time of the Comets and Farmington Junior Varsity game scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 24 in tribute to the 1990 Comet Junior Varsity.

Team members are requested to contact coach Mark Rodriguez at 721-5786 for details. Incidentally, the WYAA is still

signing up players for its girls' volleyball league. Registration will end on Sept. 30.

Prospective players may sign up from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, and from 10 to noon on Saturday at the Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road.

The WYAA will field girls' teams, ages between nine and 17. Those who need further information are asked to contact Keith DeMolay, who may be reached at 734-722-1251.

Benninger tops WSGA golfers

For the second week in a row, Westland's Carolyn Benninger claimed top honors in the First Flight, Low Gross in the Women's Suburban Golf Association's weekly competition.

Playing at Oak Lane, Benninger shot a 79, beating the closest competitor, Wayne's Theresa Deisler, by four strokes. Deisler's 83 was the second-best score in the Flight.

In the meantime, two golfers - Jan Antieau of Brighton and Livonia's Ginny Karolak of Livonia - tied for first place in the Low Net. Each carded 69s. Mary Gene Stefanec, of Dearborn, turned in the next best score. Stefanec shot a 71.

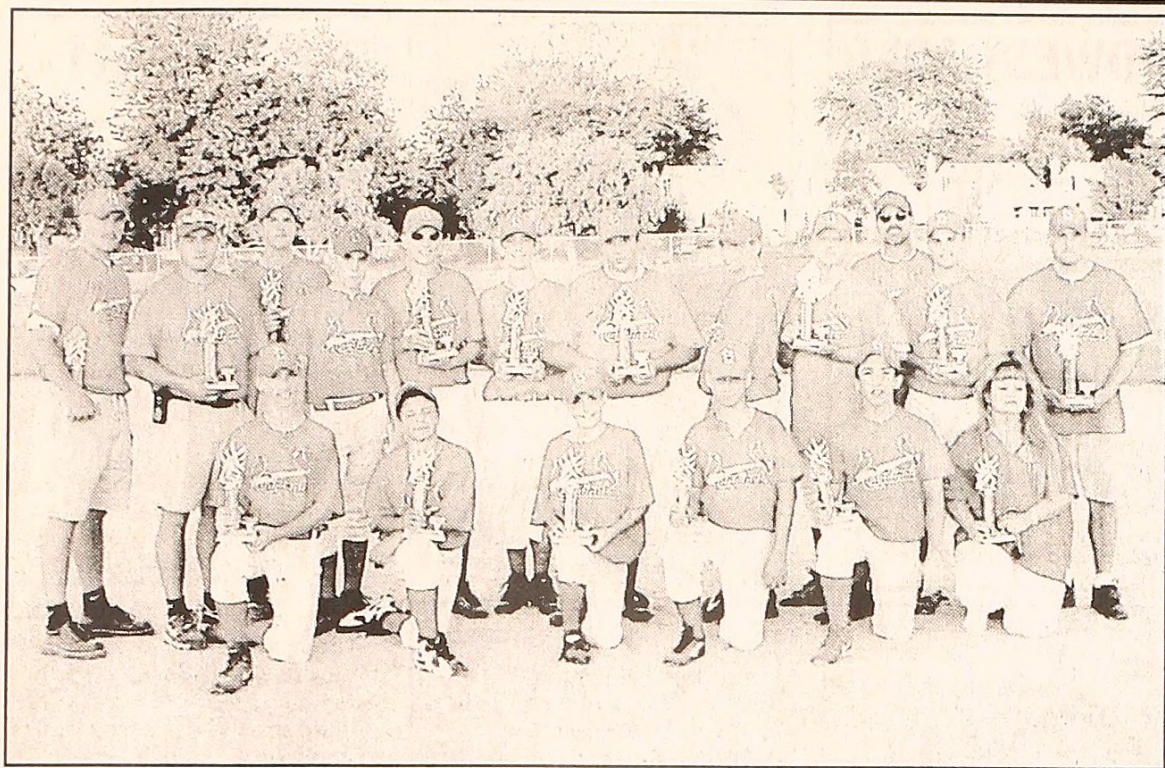
Wayne golfer Pat Henke fire an 85 to win the Second Flight, Low Gross competition. In second-place was Westland golfer, Penny Irwin, who toured the Oak Lane course with an 96.

Low Net honors in the Second Flight went to Carol Farwell, of Southfield who finished the afternoon with a par-72.

Four golfers - Lori Wilson of Livonia, Jan Nelson, of Canton Township, Carol McQuade of Clinton Township and Dolly Vettese of Northville - carded 75s and shared second Low Net honors.

Bernie Evans, of Franklin, picked up the trophy for Low Gross, Third Flight honors for her 96 score. The second low Gross turned in for the afternoon was from Dearborn Heights' Pat Wilson, who had a 104.

The best in the Low Net, Third Flight was Dorothy Cortes, a Livonia golfer, who entered the clubhouse with a 65. Five strokes back was Pat Ochs, of Howell, who shot a 70.



The Cardinals surfaced from the Wayne Baseball Association's summer baseball program with a 11-5 overall record and the conference championship. Members of the championship team include: Tony Colosimo (front row, from left), Ryan Desiniewicz, Justin Schofield, Tommy Crandowicz, Clint Cottenham and team statistician Debbie Burton; second row are: Assistant coach Anthony Grecko, Assistant coach Jason Bobby, Team captain Justin Listman, Danny Cover, Ross Maciasz, Pat Goring, Corey Pierce, Drew Lakatos, John Morris, Assistant coach Steve Listman, team captain Billy Burton, and head coach Jerry Bobby.

Cardinals win Pony baseball title

Although they had five losses tacked to their overall record, the Cardinals, under the guidance of head coach Jeremy Bobby, captured the Wayne Baseball Association's Pony League championship.

The Cardinals emerged from the 2000 campaign with an 11-5 record, the best in the Pony Division this season.

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ciates, coach Bobby's team entered the playoffs with the divisional title locked up. They clashed with WBA Pony League rival, the Athletics, for the championship, and won a decisive battle over their city rivals.

The Cardinals and the Athletics represented WBA in the district playoffs where each posted first-round victories over their

peers from Garden City and Westland. They did not however survive district competition.

"This year's team had more heart, more courage and more belief in themselves than you could carry in a dump truck," said coach Bobby. "Our kids deserve a lot of credit and recognition for their achievements this season."

PP & Kick hopefuls should check-in

If you're between the ages of eight and 15 and have football skills, such as in punt, pass and kick, then you want to test them against your peers.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is looking for youngsters to participate in the Punt, Pass and Kick contest staged annually in cooperation with the National Football League.

Canton is one of a score of host cities (townships) for the PP & K competition, which will be staged beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Griffin Community Park, Sheldon Road.

There is no registration fee to participate in the competition, which is a qualifier for regional, state and national championships.

The top finisher in each of the age groups will advance to the next stage of competition, and the top two places in each of the age groups receive awards.

Competition officials also remind athletes that there is a PP & K girls' division. The divisions are broken down in age groups. The divisions are as follows: 8 and 9; 10-11; 12-13 and 14-15.

Competitors also must have a copy of their birth certificate available at the time of registering.

For further information, please contact the Canton Parks and Recreation Department.

Panthers stage baseball tryouts

The Michigan Panthers will conduct one-day baseball tryouts for players 14 and under for their year 2001 travel team.

The tryouts will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24 at Oakland County Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, located on the southwest corner at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road.

For more information, please contact Bill Richard, at the Michigan Panthers Baseball Club, at 248-344-2792.

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Fall's the time for a new furry friend

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

It's that time of year—the hustle and bustle of summer is replaced by the back-to-school blues. What better time of year to think about an addition to the family?

The process is simple. Just visit the animal shelter and select one of the eager animals awaiting adoption. Then, an adoption counselor will help

you complete a questionnaire about pet care and how your pet will fit into your home and your lifestyle.

After that, the adoption documents are signed and the wiggly bundle of fur and affection is ready to go to its new home and new family.

Michigan Humane Society officials are careful to point out that inoculations and sterilization of all animals must be guaranteed by the new owner

and there is a moderate adoption fee, as well as a sterilization deposit for puppies and kittens who may not be neutered or have all their inoculations.

Today, scores of animals await new homes and the recently passed summer days promise new litters of puppies and kittens who need homes.

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MCN special, in which as many pets as possible are featured. We're confident that once you're introduced to these animals, you'll fall head over heels in love with at least one of them.

The Huron Valley Humane Society is also desperately seeking foster homes for animals who may need some time adjusting, or who require a little extra time and TLC (such as animals who have just had a

litter and need to wean their wee ones).

The Westland Humane Society Shelter is located at 37255 Marquette Road in Westland, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 721-7300 for more information. The Huron Valley Humane Society is located at 3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor. Contact them at (734) 662-5585.



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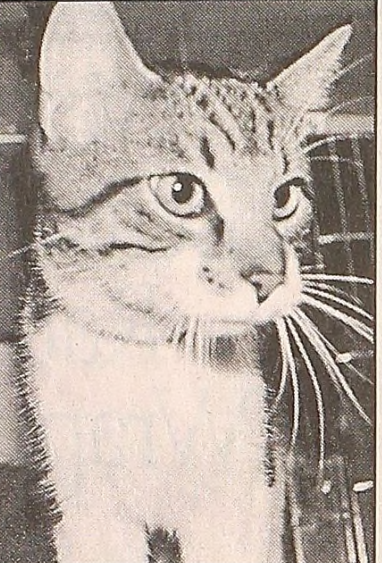
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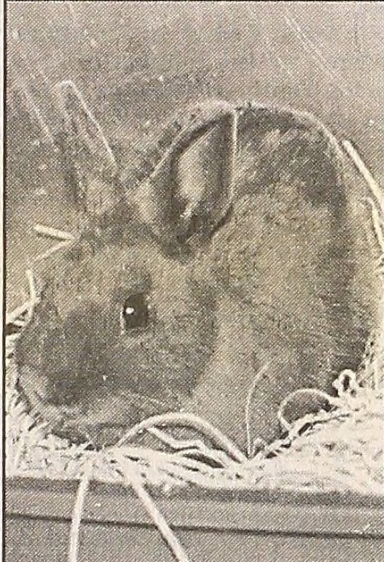


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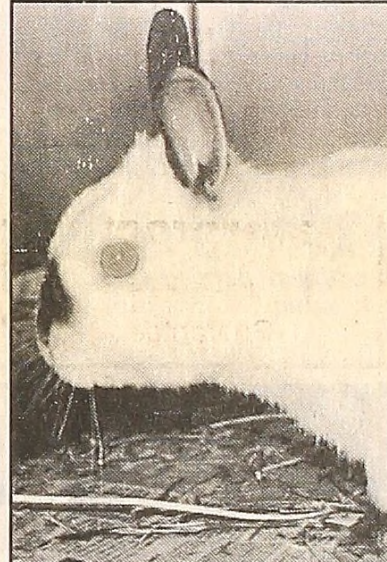
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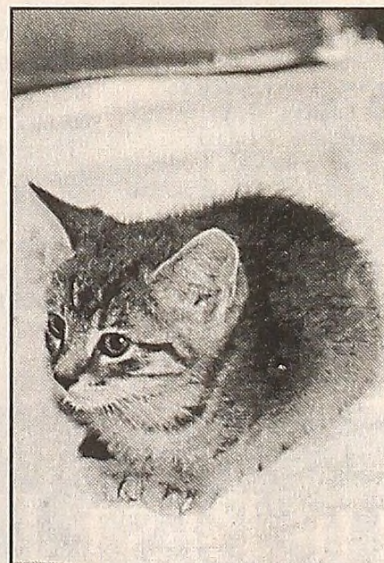
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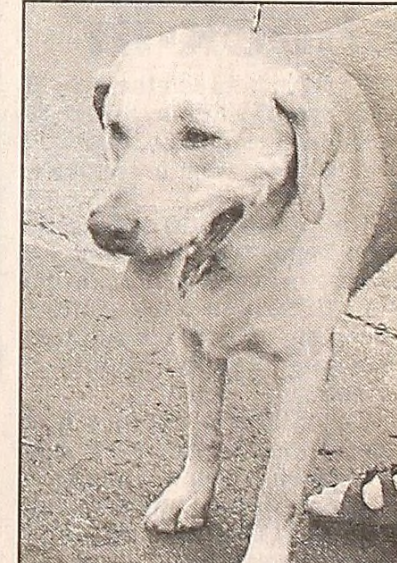
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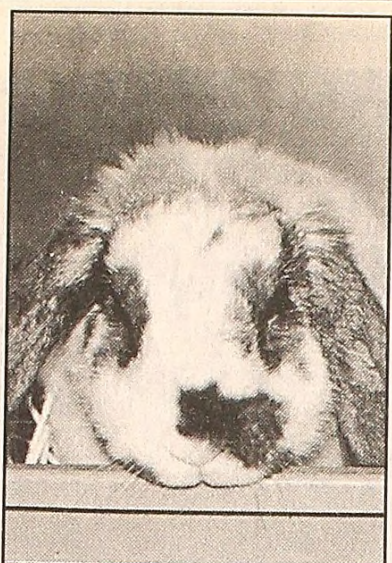
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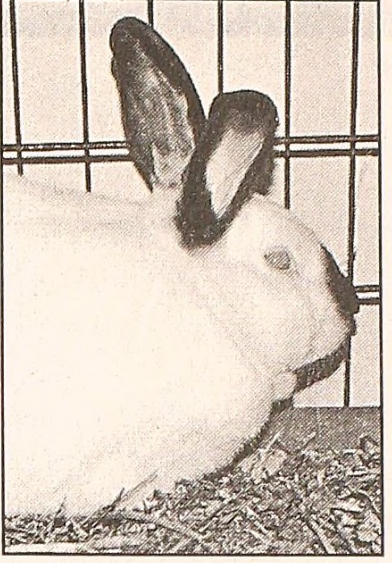
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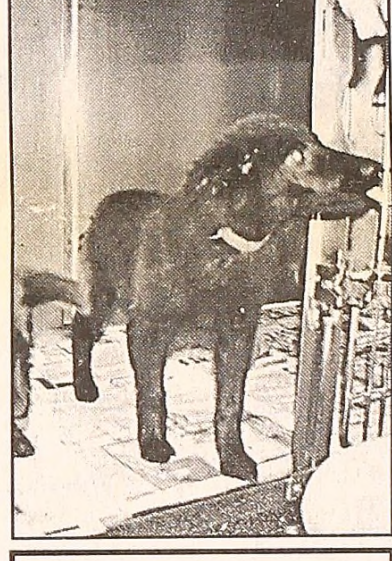
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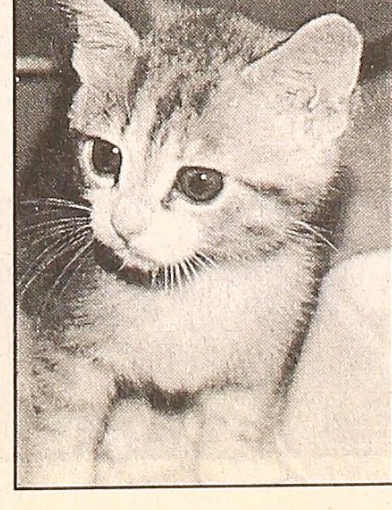
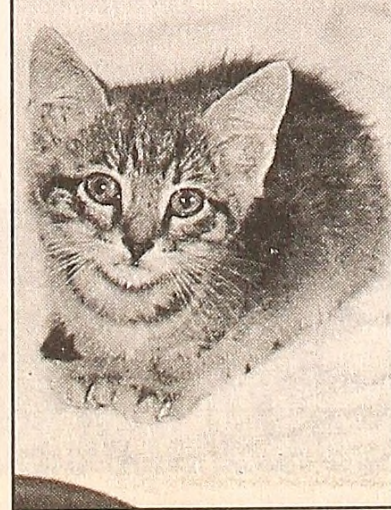



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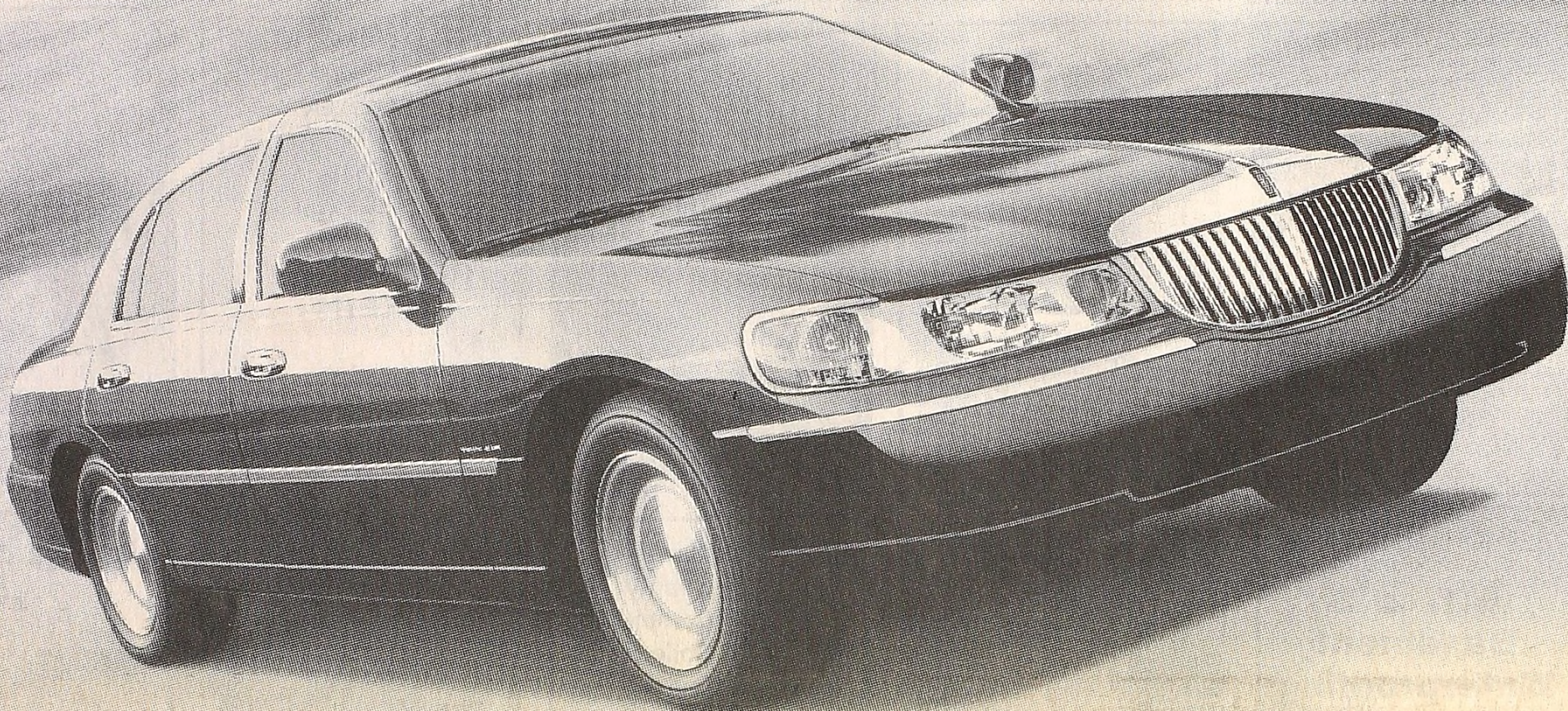





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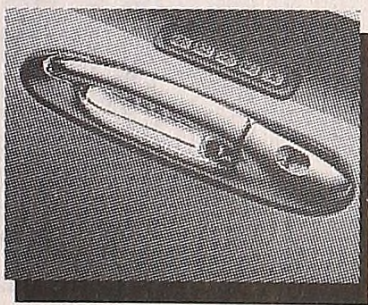
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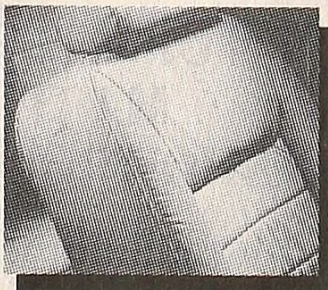
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Westland sisters set to compete in pageant

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two Westland sisters, Inga Dee and Tara Lynn Williams, were recently selected for Nationals' 2000 Detroit pageant competitions on Sept. 17.

Inga Dee is set to participate in the Miss Teen Detroit title, while her sister, Tara Lynn will take part in the Miss Junior Teen Detroit contest.

In her spare time, Inga Dee enjoys camping, animals and being an equestrian.

Her sister, Tara Lynn, also enjoys camping and horseback riding, but also takes part in water skiing and deep sea fishing activities.

Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If either sister wins her title, she will share in over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts and will win the Detroit title designation.

Winners will then compete in a National Competition later in Orlando, Fla. There winners will be eligible for over \$60,000 in prizes and awards. Each winner will enjoy an expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando.

There are no costs for either Inga Dee or Tara Lynn to par-



Inga Dee Williams



Tara Lynn Williams

ticipate in the pageant competitions.

Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist the sisters in participating in the pageants and become official sponsors for them.

Current sponsors for Inga Dee include: Quick Machine Co. of Detroit, Stuart Feltz, Helen Rapley and even her horse, Toni, gave rides to raise funds for her effort.

Current sponsors for Tara Lynn include: Quick Machine Co. of Detroit, Blachard Roofing, American Family Diner, Something Fishy, Helen Rapley and her mother and father. In addition she conducted a car wash to earn money for her pageant effort.

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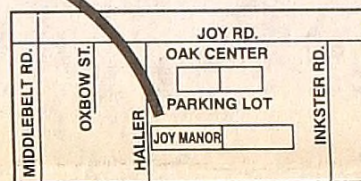
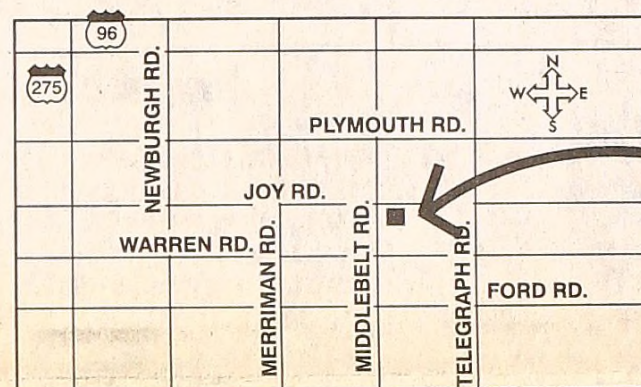
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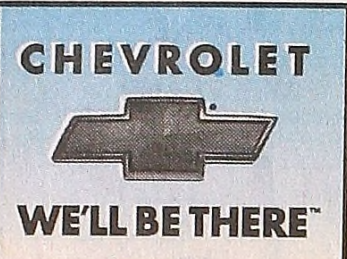
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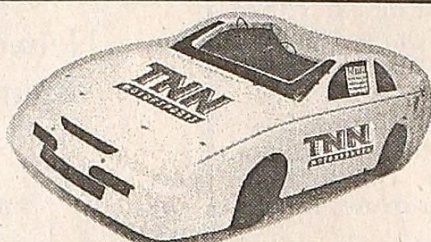
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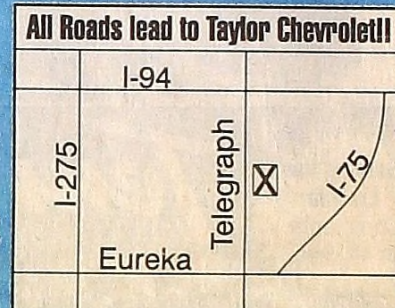
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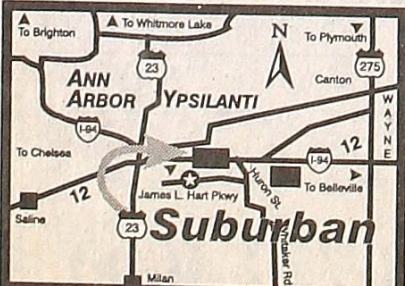
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